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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

BMV announces holiday hours

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Thursday, Dec. 26. Also, branches will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours beginning Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit IN.gov/BMV.

Laketon American Legion Post offering breakfast and lunch

The Laketon American Legion Post will be offering breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. The Blue Bird Cafe will be closed. There will be no breakfast Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Community Christmas dinner planned

A community Christmas

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City gets Plain Dealer building

Paxton Media Group donates building after relocating newspaper office

BY ROB BURGESS
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On Friday, Paxton Media Group finalized the donation of the former Wabash Plain Dealer building at 123 W. Canal St. to the city of Wabash.

The city is, in turn, is planning to donate the building to Wabash Light-

house Missions.

The offices of Wabash Plain Dealer are now open on the second floor of 99 W. Canal St.

Taking possession

A Plain Dealer request for comment Friday sent to Mayor Scott Long was referred to Keith Gillenwater, president and CEO

of Grow Wabash County.

Gillenwater stated the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission has taken possession of the building and will work with Wabash Lighthouse Missions "or a similar organization to redevelop the property."

"We appreciate the partnership with Paxton Me-

dia and the Wabash Plain Dealer," he stated.

The resolution to accept the property was signed by the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission on Nov. 4.

"The property is offered for development for a site for a facility to provide

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Record travel expected for holiday

Gas prices continue to drop heading into Christmas, new year festivities

BY ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI
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The record-setting number of travelers expected to hit the roads and sky to make it home for the holidays are in for a surprise.

Gas prices have been dropping for the past six weeks, according to GasBuddy.com, and experts believe the savings will save drivers at the pump throughout the week.

AAA says 115.6 million travelers will make their way across America from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1, which is the most people traveling since AAA began keeping records 20 years ago.

"Holiday cheer is at an all-time high this year, with unemployment at historically low levels, and noted

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Drive sober this holiday season

Last year, one American died every 50 minutes in a drunk-driving crash

STAFF REPORT

While Christmas and New Year's Eve are fun times to celebrate with family and friends, it's also one of the deadliest times of the year for alcohol- and drug-impaired driving fatalities, according to an Indiana State Police (ISP) press release.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, last December, 839 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver in the U.S. In fact, out of all of the holiday seasons, Christmas and New Year's experienced the highest number of drunk-driving-related fatalities, 285, in 2018.

To keep people safe on the road and put an end to drunk driving, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute wants to encourage every Hoosier motorist to drive safe and sober this holiday season.

Last year in the U.S., one person died every 50 minutes in a drunk-driving crash, according to NHTSA. These deaths account for approximately one-third of all traffic deaths each year, with 10,511 occurring in 2018 alone.

In Indiana, of the 873 fatal crashes in 2018, 83 people were killed in alcohol-related collisions.

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Visit Wabash County honors Brady Burgess



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HONORED: Brady Burgess, right, was honored on Dec. 18 during Visit Wabash County's end of the year board meeting, which took place at the Charley Creek Inn.

Board of directors president honored during the end of year meeting

STAFF REPORT

Brady Burgess was honored on Dec. 18 during Visit Wabash County's end of the year board meeting, which took place at the Charley Creek Inn, according to a press release.

Burgess, who served as Visit Wabash County's board president during

2019, was presented with a Distinguished Leadership Award for his level of service and dedication to the organization.

Presenting the award on behalf of the full board of directors and staff was Carrie Vineyard, incoming 2020 Board President for Visit Wabash County.

During the past year, Visit Wabash County "has aggressively accomplished an advanced scope of work" which included the completion of large-scale programming projects such as; the Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride, Trolley No. 85 experience

tours, expanded digital kiosk installation, new gateway sign installations and the award for best tourism website by the Indiana Tourism Association.

The Visit Wabash County board said goodbye to Jan Roland, Howard Kalder, Laura Rager, and Tod

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Duke Energy gives holiday energy use tips

Holiday lighting energy calculator estimates costs

STAFF REPORT

Holiday lights are going up all across the country, bringing bright colors and welcome cheer. But if you wonder how much your energy bill will go up, Duke

Energy has the solution, according to a press release.

To help customers plan and manage their light displays, Duke Energy offers a holiday lighting energy calculator that estimates costs. Estimate your costs before decorating and incorporate efficient, budget-friendly lighting options at duke-energy.com/

holiday.

Users can identify the type of lights, the number of 100-bulb strands and how many hours the lights will be used per day to estimate the energy cost per day and per month. Based on their lighting selections, customers can receive energy-efficient tips and options.

For example, six 100-bulb sets of large, incandescent bulbs plugged in six hours every evening can add about \$75 to a monthly power bill.

By comparison, six 100-bulb sets of similarly styled light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs would increase a

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One Day till Christmas!

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In every state, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. In Indiana, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to 1 year.

Drug-impaired driving is also illegal. Whether the drug is illicit or legally prescribed, driving while drug-impaired poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers and other road users. Even over-the-

counter medications can cause impairment, especially when combined with alcohol or another drug.

Law enforcement officers will be on the lookout for these, and other traffic offenses, during the holiday season.

Remember these tips for a safe night on the road:

- Designate or be a sober driver.
- Call a cab, ride-sharing service or use public transportation.
- Celebrate at home or a place where you can stay until sober.

- Never provide alcohol to minors.
- If you're hosting a party, offer non-alcoholic beverages and plenty of food.
- If you know someone who is impaired and about to drive, take the keys and make alternate arrangements.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.

For more information about drunk driving, visit <http://on.IN.gov/drivesober>, and to learn about drug-impaired driving, visit <http://on.in.gov/drivehighDUI>.

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dinner has been planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25 at the Laketon American Legion Post, 10140 N. Troyer Road.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 27

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.

First Day Hike planned at Salamonie Lake

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services' staff for a First Day Hike at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 at Salamonie Lake at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Meet at the interpretive center for a one-hour stroll through the woods along the moderate Tree Trail. Dress for the weather. Families and friendly dogs on leashes welcome. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

Honeywell Foundation's Annual Winter Bash draws near

The Annual Winter Break

Bash, hosted by the Honeywell Foundation, will take place Thursday, Jan. 2 and Friday, Jan. 3 at various Honeywell Foundation venues including the Honeywell Center and Charley Creek Gardens. For more information about Winter Bash, visit the Honeywell Center website at www.honeywellcenter.org or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

January Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Potato soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Red Cross schedules blood drive opportunity for Jan. 7, 2020

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

Artists sought for Honeywell Foundation's art competition

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show from Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 through Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. For complete guidelines visit www.honeywellcenter.org/92-county-art-show. A public reception for this event will take place at 7

p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization's largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

5-Day Weather Summary

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers
52 / 37	56 / 44	54 / 41	50 / 40	49 / 34

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:25 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:10 a.m.

New 12/26	First 1/2	Full 1/10	Last 1/17

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 52°, humidity of 65%. South southeast wind 5 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 37°. South wind 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 31°. Wednesday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 56°, humidity of 70%.

'Tis the season to be safe

DEAR DOCTOR: It's our turn to host our extended family for the holidays. That means my husband and I will have adults, toddlers, teens, babies and a few senior citizens here at the house for at least four days. What should we do to keep everyone safe?

ELIZABETH KO & EVE GLAZIER
Ask the Doctors



DEAR READER: With the prospect of a full house during an often-hectic time of year, we think it's wise that you and your husband are preparing not only for the festivities, but for the possibility of mishaps. And, really, whether the holiday season entails hosting multitudes or a small and quiet celebration, some simple precautions can make this time of year safer for everyone.

Let's start with holiday decor, which can be particularly enticing to children. Tinsel is a potential choking hazard, as are ornament hooks. So are the ornaments themselves, if they're small enough. If – or more likely, when – an ornament breaks, be sure to collect all of the pieces, and then thoroughly vacuum the area to pick up any stray fragments. If you've gone old-school and decorated the tree with bubble lights, be aware that the fluid they contain is toxic.

Some of the plants we bring into the house this time of year can pose dangers. The berries on holly and bittersweet and the leaves on mistletoe are known to be toxic. So are amaryllis and daffodils. Although poinsettia is often characterized as poisonous, that's incorrect. However, certain compounds in the plant can cause skin irritation, or, if ingested, can sometimes result in nausea or vomiting.

Food and kitchen safety are particularly important during a holiday season that revolves around cooking, baking and eating. The number of kitchen fires spikes dramatically during this time of year, so make sure the various chefs never leave their cre-

ations unattended. It's also important to keep the area around open flames clear of papers and debris. Have a working fire extinguisher ready, and make sure everyone knows how to use it.

Be vigilant about handling raw meat hygienically, which includes keeping hands and utensils clean. With cooked food, be sure it's back in the fridge no more than two hours after serving. And be aware of any serious food allergies among your houseguests.

A few final thoughts: Have your first-aid kit stocked and ready to go. Remind houseguests to keep all medications safely out of sight and beyond reach. Unplug all lights at night and when you leave the house. Be aware of the various batteries that power toys, games and electronics use, as some of them are quite small.

Be prepared and know the symptoms of severe food poisoning, which can include persistent vomiting or diarrhea, bloody stools, dehydration, dizziness and fever of over 102 degrees Fahrenheit. If someone falls seriously ill, it's better to call 911 than to drive them for medical help. EMTs can initiate life-saving procedures upon arrival. And finally, find and post the phone number of your local poison control center. You can also get help from the American Association of Poison Control Centers at 1-800-222-1222, or aapcc.org.

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Alan Eugene Templin
Jan. 18, 1952 - Dec. 22, 2019

Alan Eugene Templin, 67, of Wabash, Indiana, went to be with the Lord at 3:10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. He was born Jan. 18, 1952 in Peru, Indiana to Eldon S. and Ruth Ann (Draper) Templin.

Alan was a 1970 graduate of Southwood High School and at age 43 he retired early from Anaconda Wire & Cable in Marion, after 27 years, due to Parkinson's Disease. Alan had previously been cared for by the special employees of Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Center and the last 5 years by the loving and caring employees at Wellbrooke of Wabash, assisted by Premier Hospice Care, who all deserve special rewards for providing physical needs for Alan that his parents and siblings were no longer able to provide. His mother cared for his daily needs for many years prior to Alan needing more professional assistance. Alan was an avid fisherman, enjoyed hunting mushrooms and feeding wild birds. He continued gardening even after his health made it very difficult. He loved following all of Southwood High School sports along with basketball games of IU and Purdue, and Indianapolis Colts Football.

He is survived by two children and three grandchildren. He is also survived by



his mother, Ruth Ann Templin of Wabash, two brothers, Merrill (Lisa) Templin of Wabash and Dean Templin of Marion, and sister, Heather (Benji) Daniel, of Wabash, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Eldon Templin, and two nephews, Brady Merrill Templin and Barry Micah Templin.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash with his brother Merrill Templin officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Wabash County. Friends may call 12:30 – 2 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Parkinson's Foundation.

The memorial guest book for Alan may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Bonita Callahan

Memorial services for Bonita Callahan, 100 of North Manchester, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at Congregational Christian Church, North Manchester with visitation 9 - 11 a.m. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester.

Indiana utility paying \$1 million fine over hiring complaint

MERRILLVILLE (AP) — A major Indiana utility company has agreed to pay a \$1 million fine in settling a federal complaint that it discriminated against some 1,500 female or black job applicants.

Northern Indiana Public Service Co. reached the deal with federal officials after a U.S. Department of Labor investigation found the utility discriminated against qualified women or black applicants for meter reading or service representative positions, The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

Under the agreement, African-American and female job applicants who were not hired in 2013 and 2014 can file to receive payments of at least \$259 from the fine NIPSCO paid.

The Merrillville-based company also agreed to give priority to hiring 27 of those applicants as jobs become available over the next two

years, NIPSCO spokesman Nick Meyer said.

The deal includes NIPSCO ending its use of a manpower test that was determined by the federal government to be discriminatory. Under the agreement, the company will rewrite its policies to ensure qualification standards are uniformly applied to all job applicants and train people involved in hiring on a neutral application of hiring criteria.

"We have previously taken steps to improve the training associated with the hiring and record retention process, and NIPSCO continues to lead diverse workforce development efforts externally," Meyer said.

NIPSCO has about 820,000 natural gas customers and 470,000 electric customers across the northern third of Indiana, making it the state's largest natural gas and second-largest electric utility.

Tree falls on Indiana tree-trimming contractor, killing him

SOUTH BEND (AP) — A man doing tree-trimming work in northern Indiana died after a tree fell onto him, police said.

The St. Joseph County Sheriff's Office said the man was pronounced dead Sunday afternoon at a South Bend hospital. His name has not been released, pending notification of relatives.

Police said the man was struck by the falling tree as he was doing contract work for New Image Tree Service.

County police and the county coroner's office are investigating the incident.

After deadly crashes of marquee aircraft, Boeing CEO is out

BY CATHY BUSSEWITZ
AP Business Writer

Boeing's CEO is stepping down with no end in sight for a crisis that has enveloped the manufacturer and its marquee aircraft, the Max 737.

The Chicago manufacturer said Monday that Dennis Muilenburg will depart immediately. The board's current chairman David Calhoun will officially take over on January 13.

The Max was grounded worldwide after two crashes — one in October 2018 off the coast of Indonesia and another in March 2019 in Ethiopia — which killed a combined total of 346 people. The company's board said a change in leadership is needed to restore confidence in the company as it works to repair relationships with regulators and stakeholders.

"This is something that we have been asking and struggling for quite some time," said Ababu Amha, who lost his wife, an flight attendant, in the second crash involving an Ethiopian Airlines aircraft. "The CEO reluctantly and deliberately kept the aircraft in service after the Lion Air crash. The Ethiopian Airlines crash was a preventable accident."

The resignation, however, is not enough, Amha said. "They should further be held accountable for their actions because what they did was a crime."

The Max is crucial to Boeing and it's been unable to get approval from regulators to put the plane back in the air. Sales at Airbus, Boeing's top rival, surged 28 percent during the first half of the year.

Investigators say that in both crashes, a faulty sensor caused the plane's MCAS system to push the nose of the plane down and pilots were unable to regain control.

Boeing declined to make Calhoun or other executives available Monday. An email to employees said Greg Smith will serve as interim CEO. "This has obviously been a difficult time for our company, and our people have pulled together in extraordinary ways," Smith said in the email.

Earlier this month, the head of the Federal Aviation Administration expressed concern that Boeing was pushing for an unrealistically quick return of the grounded 737 Max.

Calhoun says he strongly believes in the future of Boeing and the 737 Max.

Boeing said last week that production of the Max would be wound down in January. The shutdown will likely ripple through Boeing's vast network of 900 companies that make engines, bodies

and other parts for the 737.

Then United Airlines said it would pull the Boeing 737 Max from its flight schedule until June. The same day, Spirit AeroSystems, which makes fuselages, said it would end deliveries intended for the Max in January, and Boeing's new Starliner capsule went off course on a planned trip to the International Space Station.

Board member Lawrence Kellner will become non-executive chairman of the board.

"On behalf of the entire board of directors, I am pleased that Dave has agreed to lead Boeing at this critical juncture," Mr. Kellner said in a prepared statement. "Dave has deep industry experience and a proven track record of strong leadership, and he recognizes the challenges we must confront. The board and I look forward to working with him and the rest of the Boeing team to ensure that today marks a new way forward for our company."

The crashes and the decisions that were made leading up to those tragedies have shaken Boeing.

"The company appears to have known about safety issues for quite some time. This indicates that there might be more fundamental cultural issues at the company," said Tim Hubbard, assistant professor of management at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. "Furthermore, the recent failure of a rocket test launch indicates that the company might not be as innovative as they once were. Increasing innovativeness and changing the culture of a company the size of Boeing is challenging. One way to jump start changes at Boeing could be new leadership."

Boeing's new Starliner capsule ended up in the wrong orbit after lifting off on its first test flight Friday, a blow to the company's effort to launch astronauts for NASA next year.

Trades of Boeing shares were halted before the announcement but the stock jumped 3 percent after the opening bell.

Muilenburg's departure was long overdue, said Robert Clifford, a Chicago lawyer representing several people who are suing Boeing after losing relatives in the second crash, which occurred March 10 in Ethiopia.

"Mr. Muilenburg and other Boeing leaders deliberately put the desire for a heightened stock price and profits over safety by allowing the 737 Max 8 to stay in service after the Lion Air crash" in October 2018, Clifford said. Boeing directors, he said, deserve no praise for ousting Muilenburg now.

Evangelical tussling over anti-Trump editorial escalates

BY ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

As the political clamor caused by a top Christian magazine's call to remove President Donald Trump from office continues to reverberate, more than 100 conservative evangelicals closed ranks further around Trump on Sunday.

In a letter to the president of Christianity Today magazine, the group of evangelicals chided Editor-in-Chief Mark Galli for penning an anti-Trump editorial, published Thursday, that they portrayed as a dig at their characters as well as the president's.

"Your editorial offensively questioned the spiritual integrity and Christian witness of tens-of-millions of believers who take seriously their civic and moral obligations," the evangelicals wrote to the magazine's president, Timothy Dalrymple.

The new offensive from the group of prominent evangelicals, including multiple members of Trump's evangelical advisory board, signals a lingering awareness by the president's backers that any meaningful crack in his longtime support from that segment of the Christian community could prove perilous for his reelection hopes. Though

no groundswell of new anti-Trump sentiment emerged among evangelicals in the wake of Christianity Today's editorial, the president fired off scathing tweets Friday accusing the establishment magazine — founded by the late Rev. Billy Graham in 1956 — of becoming a captive of the left.

The letter to the magazine's president sent on Sunday also included a veiled warning that Christianity Today could lose readership or advertising revenue as a result of the editorial, which cites Trump's impeachment last week.

Citing Galli's past characterization of himself as an "elite" evangelical, the letter's authors told Dalrymple that "it's up to your publication to decide whether or not your magazine intends to be a voice of evangelicals like those represented by the signatories below, and it is up to us and those Evangelicals like us to decide if we should subscribe to, advertise in and read your publication online and in print, but historically, we have been your readers."

Among the signatories of the letter are George Wood, chairman of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship; Rev. Tim Hill of the Church of God; former Arkansas governor and GOP presidential hopeful Mike Huckabee; and former Minnesota GOP Rep. Michele Bachmann.

Galli told CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday that he views the chances of Trump leaving office, either through a reelection loss or post-impeachment conviction by the Senate, as "probably fairly slim at this point." The editor-in-chief defended his editorial as less of a "political judgment" than a call for fellow evangelicals to examine their tolerance of Trump's "moral character" in exchange for his embrace of conservative policies high on their agenda.

"We're not looking for saints. We do have private sins, ongoing patterns of behavior that reveal themselves in our private life that we're all trying to work on," Galli said Sunday. "But a president has certain responsibilities as a public figure to display a certain level of public character and public morality."

Galli referred comment on Sunday's evangelical letter to Dalrymple, who on Sunday published his own strongly worded defense of the magazine's anti-Trump commentary.

Countering Trump's suggestion that the magazine had shifted to favor liberals, Dalrymple wrote that the publication is in fact "theologically conservative" and "does not endorse candidates."

"Out of love for Jesus and his church, not for political partisanship or intellectual elitism, this is why we feel compelled to say that the alliance of American evangelicalism with this presidency has wrought enormous damage to Christian witness," Dalrymple wrote.

Asked about the editorial's indictment of Trump by "Fox News Sunday," Marc Short — chief of staff to Vice President Mike Pence, himself a prominent evangelical Christian — cited some of the policy positions that have helped endear the president to many in that voting bloc.

"For a lot of us who are celebrating the birth of our Savior this week, the way that we look at it is that this president has helped to save thousands of similar unplanned pregnancies," Short said Sunday, adding that "no president has been a greater ally to Israel than this president."

Roughly 8 in 10 white evangelical Protestants say they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, according to a December poll from The AP-NORC Center.

The Trump campaign is planning a Jan. 3 event in Miami called "Evangelicals for Trump."

13 wounded in shooting at Chicago memorial for slain person

CHICAGO (AP) — One person has been charged in connection with a shooting early Sunday at a house party that left 13 people wounded, four of them critically, Chicago police said.

The shooting stemmed from a dispute at the memorial party, Chief of Patrol Fred Waller said at a news conference. He said shots were first fired just after 12:30 a.m. The party was being held in honor of someone who was killed in April.

Chicago police announced Sunday evening that Marciano White, 37, was charged with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon. White was arrested a short distance from where the party was being held, authorities said.

The victims range in age from 16 to 48 and suffered

"different and various gunshot wounds to their bodies," Waller said police recovered a revolver.

"It looked like they were just shooting randomly at people as they exited the party," Waller said.

Waller did not provide details on the person who was being memorialized, including that person's identity. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who visited victims on Sunday, said the party was celebrating the birthday of a person who had been killed.

Waller described three different shooting scenes at the residential location in the city's Englewood neighborhood, a predominantly low-income stretch of the city roughly 10 miles southwest of downtown that has high crime.

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Daily scripture

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:26

Impeachment aside, Trump just had a great week

If their only intent was to distract the public's attention from all the good news piling up around President Donald Trump, Democrats could not have timed their impeachment votes better. Trump is racking up wins that are going unnoticed by the impeachment-obsessed media, but not, apparently, by the public.

Last week, to take one example, Trump secured a rare agreement with Democrats, who signed off on the U.S.-Mexico-Canada agreement, which supersedes NAFTA. This has been a long-standing goal of Trump's, who campaigned on fixing what he called the worst trade deal ever. Whether the USMCA is a big improvement over NAFTA depends on whom you ask, but nobody can deny that getting Democrats on board in the current political environment is a huge win for Trump.

A few days later, Trump reached a "phase one" deal with China that, while limited, at least indicates the beginning of the end of his long-standing trade war. As part of the deal, the Chinese agreed to increase their purchase of U.S. goods by \$200 billion, plus an additional \$40 billion in agricultural products, over the next two years, according to

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. The 25 percent tariff on \$250 billion of Chinese goods remains in place, but tariffs on another \$120 billion will be cut to 7.5 percent. The U.S. also agreed to forestall a 15 percent tariff on \$156 billion in Chinese imports, primarily consumer goods such as toys, clothes and electronics, which had been scheduled to take effect over the weekend.

The past week has also seen a string of still more good economic news, which suddenly caused mainstream economists to put aside their dire warnings of a recession next year. Now they are forecasting steady, if modest, growth in 2020.

These economists – who have repeatedly underestimated growth under Trump – might have to revise their forecasts upward again as the data show the economy strengthening. On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve reported that manufacturing production rose 1.1 percent in November, as did industrial output. That's significantly higher than economists had been expecting.

Meanwhile, the Housing Market Index, which measures confidence among home builders, and is published by the National Association

of Home Builders and Wells Fargo, surged to a 20-year high this month. CNN reports that there have been only a few times in the index's 34 years that confidence has exceeded the latest reading.

At the same time, the stock market continues to reach new highs. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is up 20 percent for the year, the S&P 500 27 percent.

And this week, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that job openings climbed 235,000 in October to 7.3 million, which means there were 1.5 million more job openings than unemployed workers for the month.

This, by the way, is an almost exact reversal from where the job market stood when Trump took office. In January 2017, there were 7.6 million looking for work but only 5.6 million job openings.

The only thing trending down these days is the unemployment rate, which dropped to 3.5 percent in November – the lowest it's been since December 1969.

That fact that the economy is showing renewed signs of strength at this point in an economic expansion, which is now in its 11th year, is remarkable.

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What does consumer spending do for our economy?

With the year ending, the one enduring bright spot of the domestic economy is consumer spending. Over the past decade, consumer spending accounted for between 67 and 69 percent of our total economy or gross domestic product (GDP). Consumers are a large and stable share of total demand for goods and services. However, continued high demand for consumer goods is not the same thing as economic growth. It is mistake to think that consumer spending is causing GDP growth, when consumer spending is simply a measure of demand.

Over the long term, economic growth is caused exclusively by productivity growth. That is simply, how much more, per worker, the economy can produce or supply. Globally, how much we produce is identically equal to how much we can consume. However, inside each nation, we can sometimes consume more than we produce because other nations lend us money to do so. To borrow money like this is an example of economic strength, which, by the way, leads to trade deficits. That is another story.

We should be mostly worried about long-term economic growth. I don't wish to minimize the ill-effects of a recession, which can be very disruptive to many families. However, the short-run ups and downs we call the business cycle are forever with us. Our long-term prosperity is determined far more by long-term growth than short-term ups and downs. Stable

household spending helps keep us on our long-term growth path, but does nothing directly to cause changes to long-term growth.

Consumer spending as a share of GDP does vary over time. In the 1960s it ranged from 61.8 to 59.6 percent of GDP. It has been rising fairly steadily since, plateauing at the current level for more than a decade. It has also grown far more stable, which indirectly helps reduce economic volatility. Why these changes occur are themselves and interesting side note to the economy.

American consumption patterns changed significantly over the past 90 years or so. In 1929, we spent about 70 percent of our family earnings on goods and only 30 percent on services. We were much poorer then, and so we allocated a larger share of spending to food, clothing, housing, transportation and the like. Movies, recreational activities, health and education were a smaller share of our family spending.

By the mid-1960s spending on services rose to half of household income, and today sits above 70 percent. This is true across most developed nations, and provides us a more stable levels of consumer spending. The reason for this is straightforward. In the face of rising fear of a recession, goods consumption can be delayed. We might delay the purchase of a TV, wait until next year to replace the car, or maybe hold off on that new RV purchase.

The consumption of services is harder to delay until good times return. So, families continue to pay medical, schooling, our cable TV bill, life insurance, and other items that cannot easily be de-

ferred until the fears of a recession pass.

Demographics also play a role. Families with heads of household in their 50s and 60s spend very differently than families in their 20s and 30s, but the composition of a family are very important. Single people spend more on housing, but less on transportation or apparel than everyone else does. Married families with children spend much more on pension savings and insurance.

Family income also matters, with wealthy families increasing their spending on insurance and pensions, as well as food at home and housing. The poorest families spent a larger share on food at home and transportation services.

Strong consumer spending is a hopeful sign, because families take into account their personal economic conditions when making spending decisions. So, continued spending signals a widely held belief that the economy remains strong. With unemployment rates low, and solid wage growth, there is little to suggest consumers will spend less in the coming year. This is good news, not because that spending will cause the economy to grow, but rather that sustained consumer spending makes it less likely that we'll slip into a short-run economic downturn.

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letters to the editor

Recycling reminders

As we near the end of 2019, the value of recyclable materials remains unstable. Small programs such as Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's Drop Site recycling program struggle to meet the demands of recyclers.

Contamination continues to be a mountainous problem. I have mentioned this before but at the risk of sounding redundant will say it again. We must be diligent in keeping our recyclables as contamination free as possible.

The first step toward rectifying this problem is to understand what constitutes a contaminant. A contaminant is anything that is not accepted in our local program. Even if it is recyclable it is contamination if we cannot accept it in our local program. Our program is set up to meet the needs of recyclers who are at a relatively short distance from our county. This saves on transportation fees and other costs related to managing our program. We must give those recyclers exactly what they can market. There are print outs, signage, large stickers on the side of each bin, and phone numbers along with Facebook and a website to assist residents with recognizing contaminants and to educate on which products are accepted in our local program. Remember just because an item is recyclable in California or Colorado does not mean there is a recycling program for those items here locally.

Here is the list of locally acceptable recyclables to place in the recycling bins:

- The only item to be placed in a bin in a plastic bag is shredded paper.

- Paper includes office paper, newspaper, paperback books and magazines. No used tissue, paper towels, diapers, napkins or otherwise soiled items.

- Paperboard includes cereal boxes (insert removed), spaghetti boxes (plastic insert removed) and cracker boxes.

- For cardboard, remove as much tape and labeling as possible. All boxes must be broken down.

- Glass should be food grade only. This means clean spaghetti jars (with the metal lids removed), pickle jars, beer bottles and wine bottles. Separate metal lids from jars. Both can be recycled.

- Plastic includes milk jugs, detergent bottles and shampoo bottles. No plastic bags or films of any kind, packing materials, lawn furniture, mini blinds, plastic lumber, plastic cutlery or laundry baskets. No plastic bags or styrofoam.

- For aluminum and steel, please be certain that they are debris free. Rinse debris from all cans including pet food cans. Remove paper labels from cans, separate metal lids from glass jars.

I have had some residents call me out on what or how much contamination is acceptable. None. No amount of contamination is acceptable. If you went to the bank to withdraw your money and the teller told you that there may be sheets of paper instead of money because a certain percentage is acceptable, you would be outraged. No way on Earth would you accept this. Likewise, the end-users of our recyclables will not accept a substandard product thus rendering our recyclables useless. Typically, they are landfill-bound. Remember: When in doubt, throw it out.

Remember the key word: clean. Recyclables must be clean. I understand that rinsing your jars is hard, but it must be done. The smallest amount of spaghetti sauce left at the bottom of the jar can contaminate an entire bin of recyclables and send them to the landfill. If you cannot get the peanut butter from the jar then throw it away. Please don't contaminate the entire bin and add it to our disposal cost.

Please remember to respect the property around the drop sites. In North Manchester this is particularly important. The hardware located on Thorn Street has been a jewel in our community. For over 30 years they have continued to allow us to use their property for a recycling site. They deserve the basic respect of keeping their property clean. Abuse of this site could lead to the removal of the recycling bins and thus make recycling a hardship for our northern Wabash County residents.

One final word, most of us who recycle do it for the right reason: To preserve and protect our environment. The Wabash County Solid Waste Management District develops these programs with just that in mind. We the people create and enforce laws, policies and basic rules that determine the beauty & health of our environment. Everyone deserves to breathe clean air, drink clean water and live in a healthy environment. Please join us in our efforts to keep our communities clean and healthy for generations to come.

Happy holidays.

By Jen Rankin
Wabash County Solid Waste Management District



Free enrollment in certification, internship program available to veterans

Participants receive training tailored to their interests

Staff Report

Applications are now being accepted for the Indiana AgVets Certification and Internship Program. The agricultural career training opportunity is designed for U.S. military veterans and current National Guard or Reserve members in Indi-

ana and the surrounding states. There is no charge to participate in the program, and support for veterans with disabilities or other challenges often faced by military veterans is available, according to a press release. Participants receive training tailored to their interests and career aspirations in production agriculture or agribusiness. An eight-

week paid internship, included in the program, takes place at a partnering farm or agribusiness. The Indiana AgVets Certification and Internship Program is a project of Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation, in cooperation with the AgrAbility Project at Purdue University. The program is supported by the United States Department of Agriculture's

National Institute of Food and Agriculture Grant Number 2019-77028-29971. For more information – or to sign up – contact Ed Sheldon by phone at 765-720-0229, or by email at ejsheldo@purdue.edu; Linda Tarr, Hoosier Uplands AgrAbility coordinator, by phone at 812-849-4447, by email ltarr@hoosieruplands.org; or visit https://indianaagvets.info/.

2020 HIRE Vets Medallion Program accepting applications soon

The award program is open to employers of any size

Staff Report

Registration for the 2020 HIRE Vets Medallion Program is just around the corner, according to a press release. “Set to open Wednesday, Jan. 1, employers like you will be able to register to participate in the only federal award program that recognizes employers who recruit, employ and retain veterans,” stated the release. Recipients of the HIRE Vets Medallion Award are part of an “elite group that is dedicated to investing in

the professional development of our nation’s veterans.” “If this sounds like you, visit HIREVets.gov to view requirements and see what past recipients have to say about the program,” stated the release. The award program is open to employers of any size. More than 400 were recognized in 2019, and “we expect 2020 to be even bigger.” “Whether this is your first time participating, or you have received the award in years past and want to demonstrate your continued commitment to America’s veterans, visit HIREVets.gov for the most up-to-date information on registering and applying,” stated the release.

7 money moves you can actually make before the end of the year

The typical list of financial moves to make before year-end can be helpful. It can also be frustrating. You’re told to rush to put more money into your 401(k) or similar retirement workplace account. Some experts advise that you “max out” before Dec. 31.

Michelle Singletary



The maximum amount you can contribute this year is \$19,000. If you’re 50 or older, there’s a catch-up provision that allows you to sock away an additional \$6,000 for a total of \$25,000. In 2020, the annual max increases to \$19,500 and the catch-up to \$6,500. Or, you might be encouraged to make end-of-year charitable contributions. Got kids? Well, why don’t you give that 529-college savings plan a cash boost before you ring in the new year? If your state offers a tax deduction for contributions to a 529 plan, even better. If you have stocks that have declined, it might be smart to sell and use the losses to offset other capital gains, experts recommend. Here’s the thing. All of these suggestions make sense but, for many people, they are simply unrealistic or irrelevant. How likely is it that you can tell your employer, “Hey, just roll my last few paychecks into my 401(k) so I can get as close as I can to the \$19,000 cap?” In my experience, people who can max out their workplace retirement account set

this in motion long before the end of the year. You can’t take after-tax savings to fund this account, so you would need to have the money taken out of your paycheck before taxes. Unless someone is getting a huge year-end bonus, it’s not likely he or she can make a lump-sum 401(k) contribution in the last few months or weeks of the year. I get a chuckle about the charitable giving recommendation, as if there are a lot of people saying to themselves, “Shoot, thanks for the reminder about this great tax deduction. I’ve been meaning to send off a \$3,000 check to my favorite charity.” The average working-class family is living paycheck to paycheck. They’re struggling to make ends meet, so there isn’t any extra cash to make year-end money moves. So, what can they do before Dec. 31? Here are some moves that are both practical and doable. ■ Pull your monthly bank statements for the last year. I recognize you probably would rather get a root canal than follow through on this advice. But there’s a purpose to what might be a painful process. You need to own your financial truth. And you can’t do that if you don’t have truthful information. People will tell me, “I don’t eat out much.” But their bank or credit card statements tell a different story. Before you make any financial resolutions for the new year, take a

real assessment of your 2019 expenditures. ■ Total all your debts. Knowing how deep in debt you are can be a powerful motivator to aggressively pay it down. ■ Total your savings. Yes, this figure may be nonexistent or pitiful, but you’ve got to face what it is. Aim to improve it for 2020. ■ Review your retirement account. Experts advise not to babysit your 401(k) money by looking at it constantly during the year. Doing so might lead to you make rash moves that cost you money. But year-end is a good time to dive in and check if you’re saving enough. Maybe in 2020 you can increase the percentage of your pay that you’re investing for retirement. ■ Review your Social Security statement. This statement provides important information about your earnings records, estimated benefits and how much you or your family would receive in disability, survivor or retirement benefits. Sign up for an online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. ■ Do a net worth statement. Once you’ve pulled your bank statements and tally your debts and savings, put it all together – assets minus liabilities – and determine your net worth. For help, use the calculator at www.investopedia.com/networth/demo. ■ List your financial highs and lows for 2019. All cars

come with a rearview mirror, which increases a driver’s awareness. It also helps you safely change lanes. When it comes to your money, looking back can help you make changes going forward. Review how things went for the year. If you don’t like what you see, decide how to change course. You may scoff at this list of year-end action items as too much work. Or, you won’t do the tasks because you fear what you’ll find. But I have one question for you as 2019 comes to an end: How’s not knowing working for you? Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

DO JUST ONE THING

By Danny Seo

Do you have a handheld steamer you normally use to blast away wrinkles in clothing? These little steamers are actually fantastic to use around the house to help sanitize, all while using only the power of hot, steamy water! The best places to start steam-

ing and sanitizing are your kitchen and bathroom countertops. The steamer will blast away grime, germs and bacteria and leave the countertops shiny and clean. You can also steam faucets, grout lines, windows and mirrors to disinfect and get them perfectly clean.

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To battle opioid crisis, some track overdoses in real time

BY MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Drug overdose patients rushed to some emergency rooms in New York’s Hudson Valley are asked a series of questions: Do you have stable housing? Do you have food? Times and location of overdoses are noted, too.

The information is entered into a new overdose-tracking system that provides near real-time glimpses into the ravages of the opioid-fueled drug crisis. The Hudson Valley Interlink Analytic System is among a number of surveillance systems being adopted around the country by police, government agencies and community groups. While the number of drug overdose deaths appears to have fallen nationally in 2018 for the first time in nearly three decades, the overdose death rate remains about seven times higher than a generation ago.

If there’s a spike in overdoses, the system will send text alerts to health administrators and community workers. And system users can see what drugs are being abused for faster and focused responses to the ever-evolving problem.

“We can’t get ahead of a situation that’s already passed. This kind of information has to be given almost instantaneously or else the narcotics that we’re trying to track have already been sold, and they’re already on to the next batch,” said Sgt. Julio Fernandez of the New York National Guard’s Counterdrug Task Force, which helped usher

in the system.

The Hudson Valley system was adopted earlier this year by two hospitals north of New York City serving areas hard-hit by drug abuse: St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh and Ellenville Regional Hospital. Administrators say nearby Catskill Regional Medical Center is ready to enter information and that Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown will begin data entry next month. Administrators are talking to other hospitals in the region about signing up.

When a patient comes in, a nurse or another worker enters data about the overdose and the drug. Patients retain their legally required anonymity, but system users can still glean general information about the age, gender and housing status of people in trouble.

The idea is to “get that information out there as efficiently and as quickly as we can,” said Daniel Maughan, a senior vice president at St. Luke’s.

The data has helped track the rise of fentanyl being laced into cocaine, Fernandez said. Dawn Wilkin, director of prevention services at Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, & Ulster, said the system has guided workers on where to conduct needle cleanup within days, instead of waiting a week or more.

Wilkin said there have been no text alerts to warn of a spike in overdoses sent out yet, likely due in part to a drop in overdoses locally.

Participation by patients is voluntary. If someone is unresponsive or unwilling

to answer questions, workers enter the data that’s available. Kathy Sheehan, director of emergency and trauma services at St. Luke’s, said many patients cooperate, though there are just as many others who are not willing to speak.

“They’re private,” she said, “they’re maybe afraid of the repercussions.”

Around the country, workers on the front lines of the opioid crisis are looking to speedier data access as part of their prevention strategy.

In northeastern Minnesota, a pilot system involving six hospitals uses information from case reports submitted by emergency room staff to quickly provide health officials with warnings about overdose clusters or unusual symptoms. The Minnesota Drug Overdose and Substance Use Surveillance Activity system also analyzes blood or urine samples from a subset of patients to be able to detect patient exposure to fentanyl or other substances.

In Michigan, the System for Opioid Overdose Surveillance processes data from medical examiners and from EMS encounters in which overdose-reversing naloxone was administered. The system maintained by the University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center sends out reports to county health departments and other users.

The most ubiquitous surveillance system is the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program, or ODMAP. The system allows first responders and others to enter data on sus-

pected overdoses, including locations, times, naloxone dosages, victim ages and suspected drugs. The system designed by the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program in the Washington/Baltimore area sends out spike alerts to police and other agencies. Launched as a pilot in January 2017, it is now in 48 states.

Officials in Oneida County using ODMAP in upstate New York last month were able to marshal forces after receiving a spike alert notification for 21 overdose reports and four fatalities suspected to be associated with heroin within 15 days.

The Hudson Valley system gathers much of the same data as ODMAP, though Wilkin said it also collects information on patients’ housing and transportation status to give system users additional insights into the social conditions of people fighting addictions.

The Hudson Valley groups had been logging local overdose data on to a shared Google Document before health-care IT consultant Marisa Barbieri volunteered to create the current system. She designed a dashboard to give users an at-a-glance look over-dose trends. She hopes to add a feature to warn where deadly batches of drugs are headed next, similar to how meteorologists track of deadly storms.

“We need to be able to predict when a cluster is forming,” she said. “I don’t want to see on the news that 12 people died. I want a system to be watching.”

Effort to reopen bridge between Indiana, Illinois gets boost

NEW HARMONY (AP) — An effort to reopen a Wabash River bridge between Indiana and Illinois that was closed in 2012 amid safety concerns is getting a \$350,000 boost from the state of Indiana.

Indiana officials announced the funding Friday for the Harmony Way Bridge, which runs between New Harmony, Indiana, and White County, Illinois. The Evansville Courier & Press reported.

Although there’s no timeline for reopening the span, the New Harmony-Wabash River Bridge Authority said the funding is “seed money” which represents a critical step toward repairing and reopening the bridge.

“This money will cover half of the estimated inspection and repair costs to re-open the bridge, which should then self-sustain as a toll bridge once it’s re-opened,”

the bridge authority said in a news release. “The other half of the funding is expected to come the state of Illinois through the Illinois Bridge Authority as equal partners in this innovative solution to this regional need.”

The Harmony Way Bridge was built in 1930 by a private company in an area about 25 miles east of Evansville. It was purchased by the federal government in 1941.

When public safety concerns led to its closure in 2012, the White County Bridge Commission – which had managed the span – didn’t have the funding to make needed repairs.

But the bridge authority said that local, regional, state and federal officials worked “across party lines and state lines to find a permanent and creative solution to an 80-year challenge.”

ENERGY

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monthly power bill by only about \$5. Using six 100-bulb sets of mini-LED bulbs would increase a monthly power bill by only 72 cents.

Money-saving tips to combat the cold

- As the holiday season heats up, temperatures will cool down. Help save on your winter energy bills with the following tips:
- The thermostat can be the biggest contributor of high winter bills. Select the lowest comfortable setting on your thermostat when you’re home and then lower the temperature a degree or two when you leave.
- Change air filters regularly. A dirty air filter makes a heating system work harder, which uses more energy.
- Inefficient heating can also add to monthly power bills during colder temperatures. Regular service calls from a licensed technician will help to properly maintain your heating and cooling system.
- The ceiling fan is a great way to stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Simply set the fans to operate in a clockwise direction, which push-

- es warm air back down into the room.
- On sunny days, leave your drapes or blinds open to allow the sun’s rays to warm the house.
- Wear warm clothing for additional energy savings at home. If you’re planning a holiday party this season, consider a holiday sweater theme. That way, you can bump down the thermostat a degree or two while your guests stay warm and toasty.

Holiday safety

- Follow these tips to stay safe this holiday season:
 - Before installing lights, check each set – new and old – for damaged sockets, loose connections and frayed or bare wires. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.
 - Never use more than three standard-sized sets of lights per extension cord.
 - Plug exterior lights into ground-fault interruptible (GFI) outlets only. If the home lacks outside GFI outlets, call an electrician to install them.
 - Before climbing a ladder, inspect it to ensure it’s in good working condition and follow the weight limits specified on the ladder and manufacturer instructions.
 - Never use a ladder on or near power lines or poles.
- For more information, visit duke-energy.com.

TRAVEL

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improvements in both disposable income and household net worth,” said Paula Twidale, vice president, AAA Travel. “Travelers should be getting used to crowded highways and airports, as this marks the eighth straight year of new record-high travel volumes for the year-end holidays.”

The 104.8 million Americans driving this year will have a little bit of extra money to splurge on last-minute presents since GasBuddy.

“Gasoline prices have slid to their lowest level

since March thanks to rising U.S. gasoline inventories and sluggish demand, certainly bringing some Christmas cheer to motorists,” said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “The jump in gasoline inventories has been so large it has offset oil prices which touched \$60 per barrel last week, as well as the U.S. and China suggesting they’ve reached a trade deal. Pending more significant proven trade ties between the two major countries, we may have seen the rally in oil stall for now, as refined product inventories post notable jumps going into the end of the year.”

Police: 69-vehicle pileup in Virginia leaves dozens injured

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — A pileup involving more than 60 cars on a major interstate in Virginia on Sunday morning injured dozens of people, according to state police.

The crash happened just before 8 a.m. Sunday on westbound Interstate 64 in York County near Williamsburg, Virginia State Police Sgt. Michelle Anaya said. No fatalities were reported, but it took crews several hours to clear the roadway and reopen all lanes of traffic.

Authorities do not yet know the cause of the crash, but fog and icy road conditions were contributing factors, Anaya said.

Photos from the scene showed a tangled mass of metal, with car hoods crumpled, windows smashed and a red truck plopped on top of another vehicle.

Ivan Levy said he and his wife were both headed to Williamsburg, where they work, in separate vehicles around the time of the crash.

Levy told The Associated Press he started slowing his truck down and turned his hazard lights on when he saw thick fog.

“Next thing I know I see cars just start piling up on top of each other,” he said.

Levy was able to stop in time but then got a call from his wife saying she

had been in the wreck.

“It was just so scary,” said Alena Levy, who was evaluated at a hospital but was not seriously injured.

Ivan Levy said he ran past cars to find his wife and help her out. They made their way back to his truck, and Ivan Levy said he then grabbed a medical kit and started checking on other victims because first responders hadn’t arrived yet.

Sixty-nine vehicles were involved in the crash, and 51 people were treated or transported to hospitals, Anaya said Sunday afternoon, noting that those figures were constantly changing.

Among those hurt, two

were listed in critical condition and 11 were serious but not life-threatening, said York County Fire Chief Stephen Kopczynski.

An investigation into the cause of the crash was ongoing.

In a separate incident, eight cars were involved in a crash on I-64 in the opposite direction after the larger pileup, Anaya said. It wasn’t immediately clear if others were injured in that crash.

Ivan Levy said the car his wife had been driving was a Christmas gift.

“She was all upset about the vehicle, and I was like, ‘Look, honey, it’s just metal,’” he said.

Man fatally shot by Evansville police over weekend

EVANSVILLE (AP) — A southern Indiana man was fatally shot by a police officer over the weekend after refusing to drop a handgun, police said

The shooting happened

Saturday after officers were called to an Evansville apartment complex to check on a man who was threatening suicide, the city police department said. The arriving officers were immedi-

ately confronted by the armed man.

The officers gave the man several commands to drop the weapon,” the department said in a statement. “The man refused to drop his weapon and

one of the responding officers fired at him.”

Authorities identified the man who died as Brian Mullen, 57, of Evansville. No one else was in the apartment at the time, police said.

BUILDING

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quality vocational and developmental opportunities to people who are disabled and/or disadvantaged to enhance quality of life and their ability to achieve full participation in society through low to no-cost items and services,” stated the legal notice placed by the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission.

These items and services include food, gas cards, transportation to and from men’s or women’s shelters, mattresses for children of Lighthouse Missions families, free clothing for job interviewees, provide vocational and developmental training to disabled or disadvantaged residents through educational information, community service, case management,

job readiness, travel needs and basic daily living items such as food, clothing and toiletries.

Gillenwater stated they have adopted a development plan and are currently accepting sealed bids on the property through 4 p.m. Jan. 7, 2020.

“The building is in a great location which is why we were interested in the acquisition,” he stated. “There is traffic in the location and given that a lot of the functions of the newspaper had left that building over the years it was not being fully utilized as for the size of the building available. I think we have some good hope for it. ... I think putting a non-profit service center type of project in there to serve a needed population with valuable services is a noble use for the building.”

Search for grant funding

Gillenwater stated most of the timeline is contingent upon grant funding to be able to complete the necessary renovations.

“There is quite a bit of work that would need to go into the project,” he stated.

At the Oct. 21 Wabash County Commissioners meeting, Amy Miller, of Cornerstone Grants Management, and Kristi Clark, board president of the Wabash Lighthouse Missions, appeared at their regular meeting.

They asked Wabash County to be the lead applicant on behalf of the Wabash Lighthouse Missions for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Public Facilities Program (PFP) to rehabilitate the building.

“It sounds very exciting,” said Barry Eppl,

board chairman, before signing the letter.

The letter, also dated Oct. 21, was sent by Eppley to Eric Ogle, of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

In a separate letter sent Nov. 11 from Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd to OCRA, the total cost of the renovation project is estimated to be \$761,422, and the county’s grant request will be for \$500,000.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Monday, Eric Ogle, OCRA’s CDBG program director, stated the application was submitted as part of the 2019 Round 2 funding.

“Applications submitted as part of that round are in our scoring process, so I don’t have any updates,” he stated.

Ogle stated the awards will be announced Jan. 9, 2020.

VISIT

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Minnich, each who have served for 6-years on the board of directors, reaching the term limits.

In 2020, the organization will welcome four new board members including: Jeremy Markham, business manager for Manchester Community Schools; Adam Stakeman, industrial sales manager for J.M. Reynolds Oil Company; Nate Fansher, senior vice president at Crossroads Bank; and Jennifer Bailey, owner of Salamonie Bridle Stalls and The Sanctuary.

Additional members of the 2020 Tourism Commission include president, Carrie Vineyard, Gebhart

Holdings; vice president, Brittany Rager, Brandt’s Harley-Davidson; treasurer, Steve Shumaker, code enforcement officer for the town of North Manchester; secretary, Beverly Vanderpool, city of Wabash; and past president, Brady Burgess, BIT Computers.

Office staff includes Christine Flohr, executive director of tourism; Whitney Millsbaugh, marketing manager; Jennifer Long-Dillon, tourism manager; Margery Justice, visitor services; Cassidy Flohr, visitor services intern; Katie Jones, marketing intern; and Evelyn Gray, communications intern.

For more information, call 260-563-7171, email at tourism@visitwabashcounty.com or visit www.VisitWabashCounty.com.



Squires take second at invite

The Manchester wrestling team finished second at the John McKee Invitational on Saturday, finishing with 182 points to Cowan's 198.5 points. Dylan Stroud won Outstanding Wrestler on the day while Ashton Moore also won the title for his weight class.

Warmuth, Wyatt lead Apaches at invite

At the Henry Wilke Classic on Saturday, Wabash's wrestling team finished 2-3 with wins over Jlm town and Fort Wayne Snider and losses to Huntington, Zionsville and Niles of Michigan. Grant Warmuth and Chad Wyatt, Jr., were unbeaten on the day.

Knights outlast Manchester on hardwood

The Southwood boys' basketball team earned a 61-55 win in double overtime at home on Friday against Manchester. The Squires rallied from a seven-point deficit heading into the fourth to force overtime before falling in the second extra session. Gabe Lloyd had a game-high 16 points for Southwood, Carson Rich had 12 and Connor Rich 11. For Manchester, Max Carter had 13 points and Weston Hamby 11. Manchester bounced back for a win against Winamac on Saturday on the road, 70-68. Carter had 16 points and Hamby had 16 points apiece.

Knight rally falls short against Squires

The Manchester girls' basketball team held on in the fourth quarter on Friday at Southwood, surviving a Knight rally from 11 points down in the fourth to win 34-31. Mackenzie Day would draw a foul on three-pointer with seven seconds left and would knock down all three to earn the win. Day finished with 12 points, Kiera Hatfield had nine and Emma Garriott six.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



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LAYUP: Wabash's Joe Leland (20) rises up for a layup on a fastbreak over Northfield Clayton Tomlinson (11) during the second half of Friday's contest.

Apaches race away with win over Norse

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Expected to come in as one of the favorites both in the county and conference this season, the Wabash boys' basketball team has had to do some soul-searching in the opening month of the season. If Friday was any sign of what's to come, though, the Apaches may be rounding back into form at just the right time.

Hosting Northfield in a Wabash County clash, the

Apaches scored 30 points in the opening frame and were never tested on the night as they routed the Norse, 66-40.

Even on a night when Wabash resembled its form of last season possibly more closely than at any other point this season, head coach Paul Wright was still looking for even better from his side.

"We always want to start out quick," he said. "I was pleased with the first quar-

ter. I thought we did everything to a T. I just thought as the game went on, we were almost like satisfied. And credit to Northfield, they just kept coming at us. We just flatlined a little bit. We were pleased with that but that's something we have to get better at.

"Thank goodness it's only game five. Like I told them, Northfield played very well tonight. They played very hard for four quarters."

After falling behind on an

early basket from Northfield's Clayton Tomlinson, Wabash reeled off the next eight points and 15 of the next 17 to force a Northfield timeout. Elijah Vander Velden was the recipient early and often in the opening frame, scoring six of Wabash's first eight points as part of a 10-point first period for the center.

"We thought the first game of the year, we didn't do a

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Apaches knock off Norse for first TRC win

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Wabash girls' basketball head coach Matt Stone has spent much of the last week scratching his head while looking for solutions to the struggles of his side. On Saturday, he and the Apaches headed into the holidays with a lot more solutions.

The Apaches dealt Northfield a huge blow in its Three Rivers Conference (TRC) title defense, pulling back it's normally aggressive defense while out-executing the Norse on offense down the stretch to secure a 47-42 win on the road.

"For us to get out of our

game and not press is a tribute to them because we know how they like to play," Stone said. "We just knew we had to get down the floor and play defense. That part I really wasn't worried about. I was a little worried about the offense after the last couple of games. But I thought our kids did a great job, took care of the ball, worked it around, got it inside.

"We got some big play off the bench by Linda (Cordes) when we really needed it. And I thought our kids all just played hard and that will get you a long way anyway."

Alivia Short scored eight points in the fourth quarter,

burying a three-pointer to give the Apaches a 36-34 lead that it would not relinquish. Her layup with 1:11 left pushed the lead to five points before a three-point play 28 seconds later effectively sealed the result, giving Wabash a 47-39 lead.

As impressive as her finish was on the night, Stone noted another aspect of Short's contributions on the night.

"Maybe the bigger part is how much she helped handle the ball because they're going to come up and put all that (defensive) pressure on my freshmen and here comes Alivia," Stone said. "End of the third and into the

fourth, that was huge for us was her helping take care of the basketball. Not to mention she gets down and side and takes care of business. Hats off to Alivia for playing great down the stretch."

Trailing early in the fourth quarter by five points after consecutive layups by Linda Cordes, Northfield turned up the pressure with a full-court defense. The defense helped trim the lead down to 33-32 after back-to-back scores from Emma Hoover.

A series of free throws after a shooting foul on Kearston Stout and a technical foul

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Strong second powers Peru past Knights

BY TRENT SCOTT
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PERU – The last game before Christmas for Southwood and Peru was an early chance for one of the two teams to take a frontrunner spot in the TRC boys' basketball title race.

A 16-6 second quarter proved to be the early present the Tigers needed to keep the Knights chasing the rest of the night as the hosts steadily added to the lead in the third and fourth quarters to claim a 74-57 win.

The early portion of the game was a feeling out process for both teams with the home team getting the first six points through a Daunte Majors basket and free throws from Pete Polk and

Treyden Curtis.

Logan Barely finally got the hosts on the board following a prolonged scramble with the ball on the deck, followed by a Jackson Simons putback and threes from Barley and Carson Rich to turn the deficit into a 10-6 lead.

Matt Ross hit from close range before Connor Rich hit back-to-back baskets to increase the lead to six at 14-8.

The Tigers would close the quarter with the last three baskets as Ross hit a jumper, Majors scored at the rim and Polk picked a pocket underneath the basket and scored to level the score at 14-14 all after eight minutes.

Connor Rich opened the

second quarter with a layup off a Gabe Lloyd steal but that would be the last points the Knights would score for six minutes.

By then, the hosts had an 11-point lead as Kade Townsend took the lead off a three, followed by a Ross basket, two Townsend free throws, a three from Michael Chandler, a Polk free throw and a Chandler putback.

Southwood could not get anything going on offense as Peru dominated the defensive glass and the scoring drought only broke when a second-chance opportunity led to a free throw from Simons.

Curtis converted a three-point play down the stretch to make it 30-17 with Barley

landing a three at the horn to make it 30-20 at the break.

Majors and Townsend opened the second half with quick baskets while Lloyd answered with a three, setting up a pattern of Peru slowly stretching out the lead while Southwood did what it could to keep things from spiraling out of control.

The Tiger lead reached 15 points for the first time at 40-25 following a Majors drive while the Knights briefly brought the lead down to 11 after Simons scored and Connor Rich stole the inbounds pass to score again, making the score 42-31.

Peru methodically answered by stretching the

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Tigers rally late, down Knights

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PERU – Leads in the fourth quarter are not an item Southwood has had the pleasure of holding many times during the current girls' basketball campaign.

Leading Peru by eight with eight minutes to play, the Knights could not find a way to knock a short-handed Tiger squad out and the hosts rallied to pip the visitors to a 46-44 win.

Peru took some time to get used to not having Courtlynn Crowe on the floor both offensively and defensively, the latter hurting on coverage in the 2-3 zone as Erin Lehner, Makenna Pace and Ella Hauptert all hit early threes for the visitors.

Cate Wolfe hit a three in reply early on but the Tigers, while not turning the ball over as frequently as in previous games, were slow to get things moving.

A pair of Sierra Stout baskets ensured Southwood went into the second quarter with a 15-10 lead.

The Knights became more aggressive going to the basket in the new period, forcing several shooting fouls and connecting on 11-of-16 shots at the line.

Kelsie Kelley and Wolfe answered back for Peru, scoring 11 points in the period between them, allowing the hosts to go even with Southwood in the second quarter and remained trailing by five at 31-26.

The pace of the game slowed significantly on the floor in the second half as the Tigers put a renewed focus on the defensive end and the Knights went away from the attacking style that netted them so many trips to the line.

A Pace three and Sydney Helfin basket extended the lead to nine at different intervals and Southwood took an eight-point lead into the final quarter of play at 40-32, having held the hosts to six points in the third quarter.

The final period mirrored the second quarter in a way but instead of the visitors living at the line, it was Peru making 13 trips to the free throw line, Wolfe taking nine shots herself.

Pace hit an early three to push the lead out to nine again at 43-34 but it would turn out to be the only basket Southwood connected on in the period.

The Tigers slowly chipped away at the lead from the line with Kelley providing three crucial plays in the final three minutes.

First, the senior snagged an offensive rebound off a Wolfe miss at the line and scored to make it 43-41.

Kelley followed it up by deflecting a pass and throwing herself into the bleachers to save the ball, leading to Southwood's 10th foul as Wolfe threatened to break away for a layup.

Wolfe would hit 1-of-2 at the line and Emma Eldridge tied the game at 43-43 with a free throw.

The Knights nearly lost the ball on the next possession but a timeout came before the turnover, only for Wolfe to pick a pocket and score on a layup to give the hosts a 45-43 lead.

Lehner was fouled, putting Southwood into the bonus, and hit the front end of the 1-and-1, missing the second and fouling Brian Bennett on the following play, who hit 1-of-2 to make it a two-point game again.

The Knights flew past the Peru press and got the ball

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SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
East					
y-New England	12	3	0	.800	396 198
x-Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	308 246
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	263 353
Miami	4	11	0	.267	279 470
South					
y-Houston	10	5	0	.667	364 350
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533	367 317
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	341 335
Jacksonville	5	10	0	.333	262 377
North					
y-Baltimore	13	2	0	.867	503 272
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	279 275
Cleveland	6	9	0	.400	312 360
Cincinnati	1	14	0	.067	246 397
West					
y-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	420 287
Oakland	7	8	0	.467	298 403
Denver	6	9	0	.400	266 301
L.A. Chargers	5	10	0	.333	316 314

NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	351 337
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	387 305
N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	324 417
Washington	3	12	0	.200	250 388

South					
y-New Orleans	12	3	0	.800	416 331
Tampa Bay	7	8	0	.467	436 421
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	353 377
Carolina	5	10	0	.333	330 428

North					
x-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	330 283
x-Minnesota	10	4	0	.714	378 259
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	259 279
Detroit	3	11	1	.233	321 400

West					
x-San Francisco	12	3	0	.800	453 289
x-Seattle	11	4	0	.733	384 372
L.A. Rams	8	7	0	.533	363 340
Arizona	5	9	1	.367	337 411

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Games	
Houston 23, Tampa Bay 20	
New England 24, Buffalo 17	
San Francisco 34, L.A. Rams 31	

Sunday's Games	
N.Y. Giants 41, Washington 35, OT	
Miami 38, Cincinnati 35, OT	
New Orleans 38, Tennessee 28	
N.Y. Jets 16, Pittsburgh 10	
Baltimore 31, Cleveland 15	
Indianapolis 38, Carolina 6	
Atlanta 24, Jacksonville 12	
Oakland 24, L.A. Chargers 17	
Denver 27, Detroit 17	
Arizona 27, Seattle 13	
Philadelphia 17, Dallas 9	
Kansas City 26, Chicago 3	

Monday's Game
Green Bay at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29	
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.	
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.	
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.	
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.	
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.	
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 1 p.m.	
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.	
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.	
Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.	
Tennessee at Houston, 4:25 p.m.	
Washington at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.	
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 4:25 p.m.	
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.	
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.	
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.	

COLTS 38, PANTHERS 6

Carolina	0	3	3	0	—	6
Indianapolis	14	7	3	14	—	38

First Quarter
Ind-Brissett 1 run (McLaughlin kick), 9:28.
Ind-Hines 84 punt return (McLaughlin kick), 7:41.

Second Quarter
Car-FG Slye 27, 10:18.
Ind-Mack 2 run (McLaughlin kick), 5:14.

Third Quarter
Ind-FG McLaughlin 35, 10:59.
Car-FG Slye 50, 4:16.

Fourth Quarter
Ind-Hines 71 punt return (McLaughlin kick), 7:16.
Ind-Wilkins 1 run (McLaughlin kick), 3:10.
A-61, 8:45.

	Car	Ind
First downs	19	25
Total Net Yards	286	324
Rushes-yards	21-87	32-218
Passing	199	106
Punt Returns	2-16	3-195
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	3-0
Comp-Att-Int	28-45-3	14-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-37	3-13
Punts	3-53.0	3-46.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-46	0-0
Time of Possession	32:21	27:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-Carolina, McCaffrey 15-119, Thomas 3-16, Olsen 2-33, Samuel 2-17, Hogan 2-16, Wright 1-19, White 1-12, Zylstra 1-3, Moore 1-1. Indianapolis, Hilton 3-26, Doyle 2-17, Mack 2-6, Alie-Cox 1-21, Travis 1-19, Inman 1-18, Pascal 1-6, Brissett 1-2, Hines 1-2, Johnson 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS-None.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Indiana boys basketball how they fared

Class 4A

- Lawrence North (7-0) beat Indpls Manual 100-38, beat Ft. Wayne Northrop 68-32.
- Bloomington South (7-0) beat Terre Haute North 70-31, beat Floyd Central 51-50, OT.
- Lafayette Jeff (7-0) beat Logansport 71-60, beat Lapel 82-60.
- Lawrence Central (4-1) beat Indpls Attacks 83-52, beat Pike 65-62.
- Warren Central (4-0) beat Indpls Ben Davis 75-60.
- Floyd Central (6-1) beat Providence 47-37, lost to Bloomington South 51-50, OT.
- Brownsburg (7-1) beat Avon 72-50, beat Indpls Ben Davis 53-43.
- Fishers (7-0) beat beat Hamilton Southeastern 54-51, OT.
- Westfield (6-0) beat Noblesville 52-45, beat Tipton 83-58.
- S. Bend Adams (7-0) beat S. Bend Riley 63-50, beat Jimtown 62-55, beat LaPorte 68-47.

Class 3A

- Silver Creek (7-0) beat Jeffersonville 53-52, beat Bedford North Lawrence 65-52.
- Danville (7-1) beat Lebanon 64-46, lost to Plainfield 56-54.
- Heritage Hills (5-1) beat Crawford County 59-41, beat Mount Vernon (Posey) 101-17.
- Connersville (7-0) beat South Dearborn 74-50, beat Richmond 36-32.
- Greensburg (4-1) beat Jennings County 60-46, beat Franklin County 50-39.
- Indpls Brebeuf (5-1) beat Indpls Tindley 66-40, beat Covenant Christian 81-67.
- Ev. Bosse (4-2) beat beat Ev. Memorial 87-46, lost to Washington 69-65, beat Gary West 57-56.
- Princeton (4-2) beat Vincennes Lincoln 60-46, lost to Ev. Central 57-51.
- Norwell (6-0) beat DeKalb 61-49, beat Carroll (Fl. Wayne) 42-40.
- S. Bend St. Joseph's (5-1) beat Leo 68-59.

Class 2A

- Linton-Stockton (5-0) beat Shakamak 81-37.
- Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (5-1) beat Ft. Canterbury 74-53, beat Culver Academy 65-43.
- Blackford (5-0) beat Elwood 100-40.
- Shenandoah (4-1) beat Northeastern 55-42.
- Prairie Hts. (8-0) beat Whitko 72-62, beat Churubusco 87-61.
- Tipton (8-1) beat beat Maconaquah 68-50, beat Lewis Cass 67-54, lost to Westfield 83-58.
- Ev. Mater Dei (6-1) beat North Posey 73-61.
- Southwestern (Jefferson) (5-4) lost to Jeffersonville 82-43, lost to Jac-Cen-Del 68-60.
- University (4-2) lost to Pendleton Heights 63-59, lost to Westview 53-48.
- S. Decatur (7-0) beat Morrystown 94-91, OT, beat South Ripley 76-75, OT.

Class 1A

- Gary 21st Century (6-1) lost to Chesterton 50-48.
- Barr-Reeve (5-0) beat Metro East Lutheran, Ill., 58-36.
- Bloomfield (5-0) beat White River Valley 50-48.
- Greenwood Christian (6-0) beat Bethesda Christian 90-45.
- Kouts (6-0) beat Westville 73-46.
- Covington (5-2) beat beat N. Montgomery 60-48.

ON THE AIR

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 p.m.

ESPN: The Hawaii Bowl: Brigham Young at Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

- Lafayette Catholic (5-2) beat Frankfort 89-59, beat Rossville 44-35.
- Loogootee (6-1) beat Springs Valley 48-20.
- Oldenburg (4-2) lost to Indpls Chatared 78-54, beat Rising Sun 45-31.
- Providence Cristo Rey (7-0) beat Central Christian 80-71.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Boston	20	7	.741	—
Toronto	21	8	.724	—
Philadelphia	16	10	.677	1
Brooklyn	21	13	.552	5
New York	7	23	.233	14½

Southeast Division

Miami	21	8	.724	—
Orlando	12	17	.414	9
Charlotte	13	20	.394	10
Washington	8	20	.286	12½
Atlanta	6	24	.200	15½

Central Division

Milwaukee	27	4	.871	—
Indiana	20	10	.667	6½
Chicago	12	19	.387	15
Detroit	11	19	.367	15½
Cleveland	8	21	.276	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Houston	20	9	.690	—
Dallas	19	10	.655	1
San Antonio	11	17	.393	8½
Memphis	11	19	.367	9½
New Orleans	7	23	.233	13½

Northwest Division

Denver	20	8	.714	—
Utah	18	11	.621	2½
Oklahoma City	15	14	.517	5½
Portland	14	16	.467	7
Minnesota	10	18	.357	10

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	24	6	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	22	10	.688	3
Sacramento	12	17	.414	11½
Phoenix	11	18	.379	12½
Golden State	6	24	.200	18

Saturday's Games

- Utah 114, Charlotte 107
Brooklyn 122, Atlanta 112
Chicago 119, Detroit 107
Philadelphia 125, Washington 108
Milwaukee 123, New York 102
Memphis 119, Sacramento 115
L.A. Clippers 134, San Antonio 109
Houston 139, Phoenix 125
Portland 113, Minnesota 106

Sunday's Games

- Toronto 110, Dallas 107
Boston 119, Charlotte 93
Milwaukee 117, Indiana 89
Oklahoma City 118, L.A. Clippers 112
Denver 128, L.A. Lakers 104

Monday's Games

- Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at Portland, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled.

Wednesday's Games

- Boston at Toronto, 12 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 5 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	37	21	7	9	51	123	97
Toronto	37	19	14	4	42	125	116
Florida	35	18	12	5	41	126	115
Buffalo	37	17	13	7	41	114	116
Montreal	36	17	13	6	40	115	115
Tampa Bay	34	17	13	4	38	118	110
Ottawa	37	15	18	4	34	103	122
Detroit	38	9	26	3	21	82	150

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	37	26	6	5	57	134	104
N.Y. Islanders	34	23	8	3	49	103	88
Carolina	36	22	12	2	46	118	94
Pittsburgh	36	21	11	4	46	120	96
Philadelphia	36	20	11	5	45	116	105
N.Y. Rangers	35	17	14	4	38	113	113
Columbus	36	16	14	6	38	95	104
New Jersey	35	11	19	5	27	84	127

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	37	23	8	6	52	114	98
Colorado	36	22	11	3	47	127	100
Winnipeg	36	21	13	2	44	111	101
Dallas	38	20	14	4	44	100	97
Nashville	35	17	12	6	40	123	114
Minnesota	37	17	15	5	39	115	126
Chicago	37	15	16	6	36	104	118

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Arizona	38	21	13	4	46	110	96
Vegas	39	20	13	6	46	119	111
Edmonton	39	20	15	4	44	115	120
Calgary	38	19	14	5	43	104	113
Vancouver	37	18	15	4	40	120	113
Anaheim	37	15	18	4	34	96	114
Los Angeles	38	15	19	4	34	98	120
San Jose	38	16	20	2	34	101	133

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's Games

- N.Y. Rangers 5, Anaheim 1
Calgary 5, Dallas 1
Arizona 5, Detroit 2
Vegas 3, San Jose 1

Monday's Games

- Carolina at Toronto
Calgary at Minnesota
Washington at Boston
Columbus at N.Y. Islanders
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia
Florida at Tampa Bay
Buffalo at Ottawa
Arizona at Nashville
Montreal at Winnipeg
New Jersey at Chicago
St. Louis at Los Angeles
Edmonton at Vancouver
Colorado at Vegas

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

No games scheduled

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Men's Top Twenty Five

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (54)	13-1	1608	2
2. Ohio St. (9)	11-1	1520	5
3. Louisville (1)	11-1	1460	3
4. Duke (1)	10-1	1429	4
5. Kansas	9-2	1388	1
6. Oregon	10-2	1286	8
7. Baylor	9-1	1207	10
8. Auburn	11-0	1107	12
9. Memphis	10-1	1040	11
10. Villanova	9-2	950	18
11. Michigan	9-3	889	14
12. Butler	11-1	853	17
13. Maryland	10-2	785	7
14. Michigan St.	9-3	775	15
15. San Diego St.	12-0	763	20
16. Virginia	9-2	595	9
17. Florida St.	10-2	583	19
18. Dayton	9-2	541	13
19. Kentucky	8-3	411	6
20. Penn St.	10-2	332	23
21. Washington	9-2	326	22
22. West Virginia	10-1	229	25
23. Texas Tech	8-3	178	24
24. Arizona	10-3	153	16
25. Iowa	9-3	125	—
Others receiving votes: Wichita St. 112			
Colorado 79, Xavier 68, DePaul 54, Indiana			
45, Liberty 40, Utah St. 36, Saint Mary's (Calif.)			
29, Marquette 28, Tennessee 24, N. Carolina			
23, Creighton 12, Purdue 11, Georgetown 9			
Stanford 7, BYU 4, St. John's 4, Virginia Tech			

Mother-in-law takes in cats after mom's death

DEAR ABBY: My mom passed away unexpectedly, leaving behind two cats. My mother-in-law graciously took them in temporarily, which included shouldering the financial burden of a few vet visits.

After everything quieted, we asked her if she would be willing to keep the cats indefinitely because we rent, and re-homing them wasn't an option in our area. She agreed, but said when we want to take them, we can. We offered to compensate her for the vet bills, but she refused. Our relationship has always been strained, but, in that moment, she was very kind and generous.

Now, a year later, the cats have been renamed and are well cared for beyond what we could have ever given them. I, however, feel guilty. My husband and I don't want the cats. We will be buying a home soon, and our daughter is hoping to adopt a dog.

I do not want to take on a new obligation if I already have one to my mother-in-law. Those cats are my mom's final unfinished business, and I want to do right by them. How can I do right by my mother-in-law as well? – Not A Cat Person

DEAR NOT A CAT PERSON: The cats have acclimated well to living with your mother-in-law – and it is entirely possible that she has grown to love them in the year they have been with her.

If she is aware that you will be buying a home, she should be told that your daughter has her heart set on having a dog. Because three animals would be too much for you, ask if she would mind keeping the kitties after you move. She may surprise you and say she doesn't mind at all.

(From where I sit, she sounds like a doll, so regard her generosity as a chance to mend fences and express your gratitude equally generously.)

DEAR ABBY: In this holiday season of love, hope and miracles I ask your millions of readers to join me in remembering and honoring those courageous Americans and allies who created a "Christmas Miracle" during the Korean War 69 years ago. From November to December 1950, they fought one of the most savage battles of modern warfare and did the impossible by achieving one of the greatest humanitarian rescues in history.

Fighting in the frozen mountains at Chosin Reservoir, with wind-chill temperatures far below zero, outnumbered and encircled (120,000 to 30,000), our troops broke out to save 100,000 Korean men, women and children by Christmas Eve. Our soldiers endured frostbite and suffering with valor, ultimately sustaining 16,495 casualties, but inflicting 48,156 casualties on the enemy.

We are proud of, and indebted to, those members of our armed forces who suffered and sacrificed for our freedom. Please say a prayer for them and their families, and thank God for the gift of these precious souls. – With Christmas Love, Carmella LaSpada, No Greater Love Inc.

DEAR CARMELLA: Thank you for your letter. This is the time of year when people often reminisce about family memories. In that spirit, I agree that we should also remember our collective history, and reflect on and give thanks for the bravery and sacrifice our service members and their loved ones have given us.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Zip
- 5 Cave dweller
- 8 Links feature
- 12 Sultan's cousin
- 13 Brewery product
- 14 Pointed arch
- 15 Deaden
- 16 Pouch mammal
- 18 Fishing nets
- 20 Mine yields
- 21 Deckhand
- 22 — Palmas
- 23 Bird sound
- 26 Brawls
- 29 Pay attention
- 30 Time beyond measure
- 31 Large parrot
- 33 Get one's goat
- 34 Port near Kilaua
- 35 Leadership position
- 36 Use a ladder

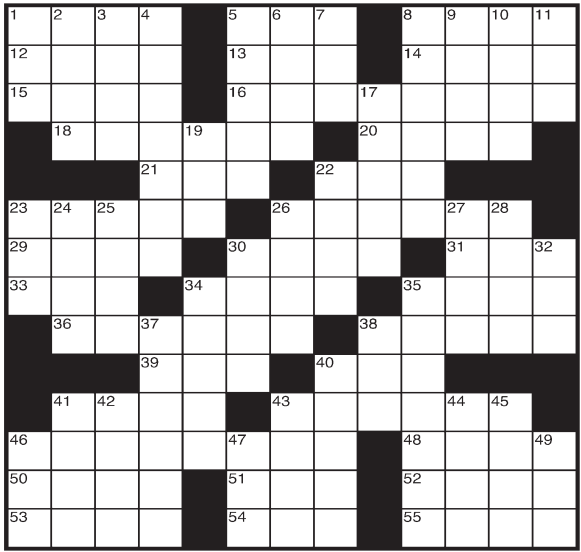
DOWN

- 1 Kind of meditation
- 2 Flightless birds
- 3 "The — of the Ancient Mariner"
- 4 Flew the shuttle
- 5 Bread pro
- 6 Mournful wail
- 7 Playing card
- 8 Raspy
- 9 Fiend

Answer to Previous Puzzle

CITE DEC HAT
ARABS EEL AGO
WAGON BOA RHO
NEAT IDEAL
FRYER AMY
KOAA READ ELLE
OAR SAGA DIAL
OMEN RAMP BBB
LYRE URAL YEA
RIG NASAL
FRODO ITCH
ATIV TAN EAGER
TEE ASK DRACO
SSIN SHY PLOT

- 10 Durocher and Tolstoy
- 11 Fair hiring letters
- 17 Objectives
- 19 Snooze
- 22 Comedian Jay
- 23 Greek letter
- 24 Jealous goddess
- 25 Cartoon shrieks
- 26 Shape or form
- 27 Scraped by
- 28 Peddle
- 30 One, in Bonn
- 32 Tan or Grant
- 34 Row of bushes
- 35 Tiny villages
- 37 Easy gallop
- 38 Perm follow-up
- 40 Handles an order
- 41 Corduroy rib
- 42 Speck on a globe
- 43 Whirl
- 44 Dueler's weapon
- 45 Small coin
- 46 Actor — Danson
- 47 Sable
- 49 Paramedic's skill



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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

1	7			9		5	8
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			6	7	5		9
6				4	7		5 1
	3	1		5		4	7
7	5		8	1			6
	1		7	3	9		
	6		4	2			3
	8	7		6		4	9

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How to play:

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	6	4	1	2	3	5	9	7
8	7	2	6	9	8	3	1	4
1	9	3	4	5	7	8	6	2
7	1	6	5	4	2	9	8	3
2	8	9	7	3	1	4	5	6
3	4	5	9	8	6	7	2	1
9	3	1	2	7	5	6	4	8
6	5	8	3	1	4	2	7	9
4	2	7	8	6	9	1	3	5

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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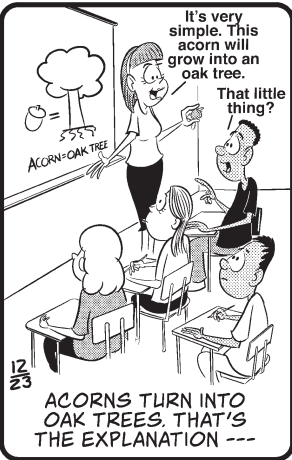
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



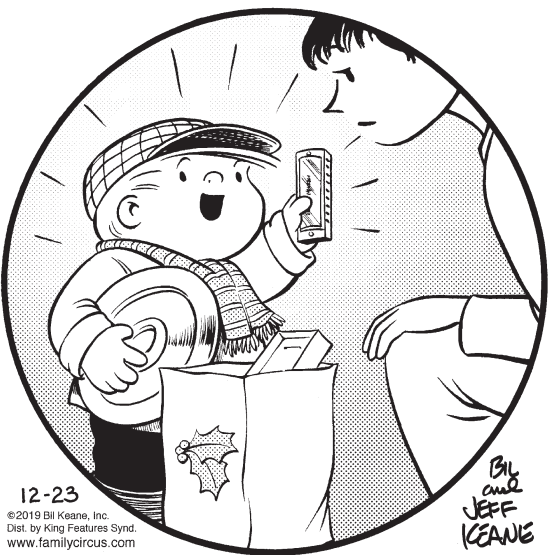
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: OBESE VILLA COWARD SPIRIT
Answer: He'd failed to figure out the solution but wasn't giving up because of his — RESOLVE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“And I got a frisbee for Aunt Gayle and this harmonica for Grandma and ...”

BEETLE BAILEY



BLONDIE



HI & LOIS



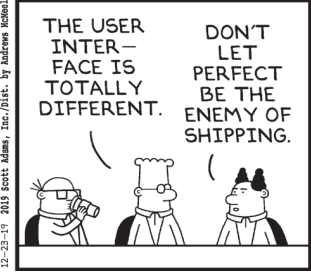
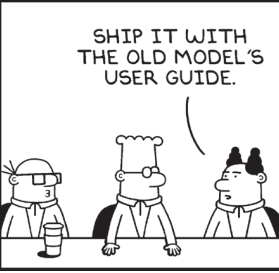
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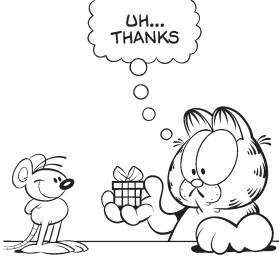
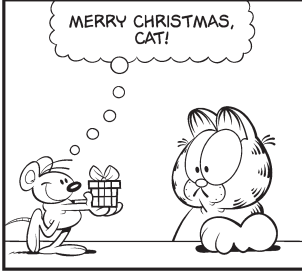
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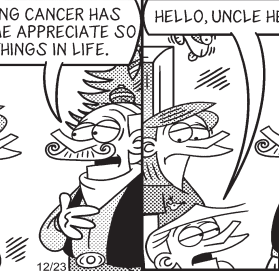
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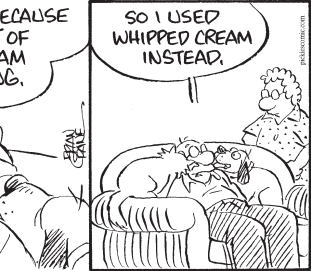
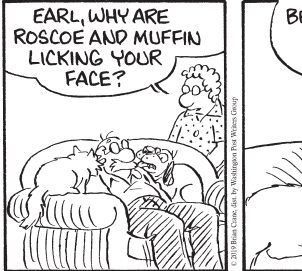
GARFIELD



FORT KNOX



PICKLES



Nothing easy about becoming a minister

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I am going to Bible school because I have been called to preach the Gospel. Some members of my family say that I have chosen a lazy career. How do I combat their criticism, and does preaching come easy? — Y.P.

A: First and Second Timothy are important books to study for anyone going into ministry. Timothy was a young man who faced the same temptations and trials that many do. Timothy had been converted at an early age and answered the call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It wasn't his career; it was his calling.

There are a lot of people who think that to be a preacher all one has to do is speak a few times a week. Many consider the ministry an easy and lazy

profession. But a preacher who is true to the Word of God must not only preach the Word (2 Timothy 4:2) but must expose false teaching (1 Timothy 1:3). He must also be a shepherd of the congregation (1 Peter 5:2).

There's nothing easy about becoming a minister who's true to his calling. Preaching the Gospel is both thrilling and laden with heavy responsibility to handle the Word of God carefully. A preacher must also warn people against the danger of heresy and false doctrine. Many times he is tempted to soft-pedal because

people may misunderstand and he may make enemies.

That is why Paul said, "I am praying for you day and night, Timothy." Pastors and preachers need prayer that God will give them courage to stand true. Timothy was called upon to "reprove." That was a hard thing for a young man to do! Timothy was a young man and Paul charged him with these great responsibilities. The greatest challenge and thrill in the world is to preach the Gospel -- even though many times it costs, never give in or give up.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" H M J G J G H M S N A S U S N H Z O E M J U M
J M X K S D J K S B : N A S N X A S I T A H M S
E T A G H ; S V N S U H H M S Z S G H ; X C B H X L S
E M X H U T F S G . " — M X C C X M X A S C B H

Previous Solution: "Blow, blow, thou winter wind, thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude." — William Shakespeare

TODAY'S CLUE: K sjenba 7

Husband's bullying of young son leads wife to consider leaving

DEAR ABBY: I have a 4-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl and I'm worried. My husband bullies our son, "Jake." We often go to a park with swingsets near our home. Jake runs to the swings, gets on, and then my husband pushes it so hard, Jake screams in fear. People sitting on the benches stop talking and turn toward us. If I do what I can to stop this, my husband pushes me. I see him giggling low and his eyes flash with his head bent slightly down.

My husband is not a young father. I'm worried he will continue to bully Jake in other ways as he grows. My husband is a small man with feminine features and a shy demeanor. He has told me how some of his older brothers bullied him, and how girls in the neighborhood called him derogatory names.

I suspect he bullies our son to get even with what happened to him back then. Knowing him, I don't think counseling will be an option. I feel I must either live with him at my son's expense, or leave. Do you have any advice for me? – Anonymous In The U.S.

Dear Abby



DEAR ANONYMOUS: Talk to your husband and tell him his behavior is hurting the boy and it must stop. Does the bullying only occur in the park? If so, avoid going to the park with Daddy.

I'm concerned about your statement that he "pushes" you if you try to intervene. If you mean it literally, that is spousal abuse. Deliberately frightening a child is also abuse, which may indeed escalate as the boy grows older. Some sessions with a licensed psychotherapist could be helpful for you in determining what your next steps should be. Divorce may be the surest way to protect both of your children.

DEAR ABBY: My late husband refused to wear a seat belt. One day a truck hit him. He was thrown around hard inside the car and spent a month in the hospital. An X-ray showed the back of his brain was mush. He was mentally disabled for the rest of his life and needed care 24/7. It was such a waste. He had been a teacher with a master's degree in education.

My grown children helped me to take care of him. They were heartbroken. This was a tragedy that could have been avoided. It happened only because he didn't take a few seconds to fasten his seat belt.

Please print this as a reminder to your readers, Abby. – Common Sense Californian

DEAR CALIFORNIAN: I am truly sorry for your family's pain. Too many people, drivers and passengers, choose to ignore the seat belt laws.

As your letter illustrates, they do so at their own peril. Every traveler, whether in the front or back seat, should buckle up. I'm glad you shared this because so many people are on the road during the holidays. I hope your family's tragic experience will give them the "nudge" they need.

DEAR ABBY: My son recently married his longtime partner, "Kurt." They are coming to visit soon. How should I introduce "Kurt" to people now? Do I use the word "husband," "partner" or something else? – Lost For The Word

DEAR LOST: Many gay men use "husband" or "spouse" when referring to the man to whom they are married. But, to be sure, ASK your son and Kurt which title they would prefer you to use.

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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pen part
 - 4 Doc's photo (hyph.)
 - 8 Work unit
 - 11 Big flap
 - 12 Jalopy
 - 13 Fasten
 - 14 Leased again
 - 16 Shah's land
 - 17 Sail fabric
 - 18 PIN prompter
 - 20 Birdfood
 - 21 Ms. Blyton
 - 24 Shade of meaning
 - 28 Hosp. scan
 - 30 Solar plexus
 - 33 TV remote button
 - 34 Hot — oven
 - 35 Knotted
 - 36 — shoestring
 - 37 Holiday quaffs
 - 38 Historical period
 - 39 Battery posts

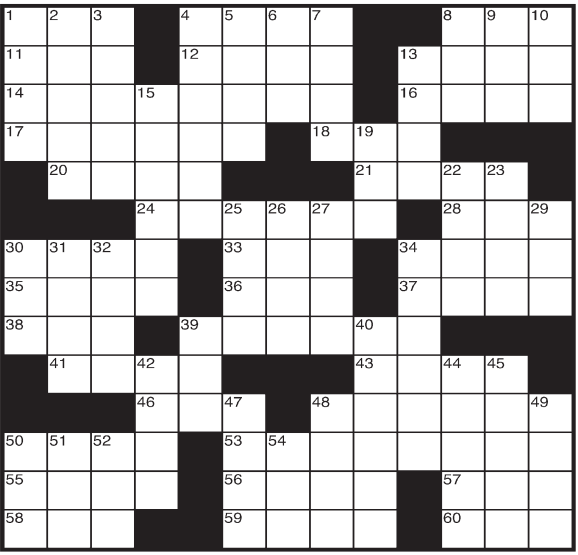
- 41 Antlered animals
- 43 Clean the deck
- 46 CD predecessors
- 48 Spotted feline
- 50 One-liner
- 53 Grand Canyon's river
- 55 Plaintive reed
- 56 Internet fan
- 57 Call — cab
- 58 Senorita's aunt
- 59 Clean up
- 60 Weird

- DOWN**
- 1 DEA operative
 - 2 Thoughts
 - 3 Carried
 - 4 Olivia Newton-John song (hyph.)
 - 5 Wheel tracks
 - 6 Absorbed, as costs
 - 7 "Star Wars" guru
 - 8 Hearing aid?

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ZERO BAT HOLE
EMIR ALE OGEE
NUMB KANGAROO
SEINER ORES
TAR LAS
CHEEP MELES
HEED EONS KEA
IRK HILO HELM
ASCEND SADLY
ADE FEM
WING TITLED
TASTEFUL EPIC
ELLE URL TEMP
DEER RNS SEER

- 9 TV brand
- 10 Col. superior
- 13 Sketch
- 15 Made level
- 19 Informal wear
- 22 " — Excited"
- 23 Boring person
- 25 Stratford's river
- 26 Prohibition (hyph.)
- 27 Dressed
- 29 — and outs
- 30 Road map info
- 31 Dublin's land
- 32 Mallard cousin
- 34 Solution
- 39 Horned viper
- 40 Man on a date
- 42 Swiss artist
- 44 1836 battle site
- 45 Was an omen of
- 47 Wind-driven spray
- 48 Cheers for toreros
- 49 Common amphibian
- 50 Iota
- 51 Kimono sash
- 52 RV haven
- 54 Buckeyes' sch.



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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

1	5		6	7	4		
		9	8	3	2		1
	3		1	5			
9			7		1	6	3
	1			4		7	
2	7	5		1			4
				1	3		4
8			5	7	9	2	
		1	4		6		9
							7

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How to play:

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	7	6	3	9	2	5	8	4
2	9	5	1	8	4	6	3	7
8	4	3	6	7	5	1	9	2
6	2	8	9	4	7	3	5	1
9	3	1	2	5	6	4	7	8
7	5	4	8	1	3	9	2	6
4	1	2	7	3	9	8	6	5
5	6	9	4	2	8	7	1	3
3	8	7	5	6	1	2	4	9

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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MRISEM
ENNBIG
THE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



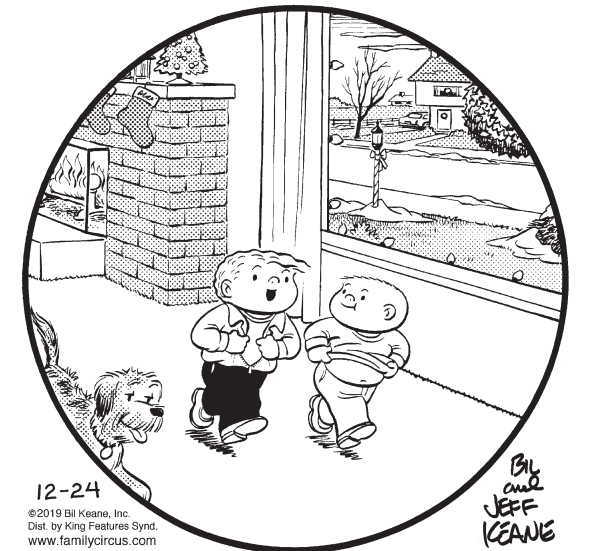
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HONEY LINER SCULPT JACKET
Answer: Acorns turn into oak trees. That's the explanation — IN A NUTSHELL

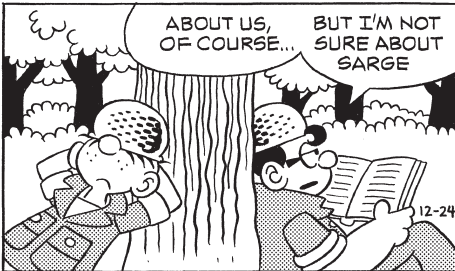
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By Bil Keane

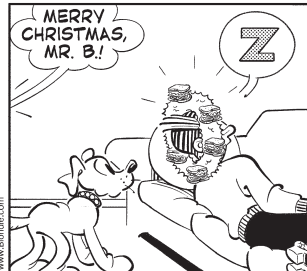
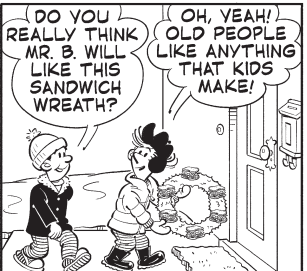


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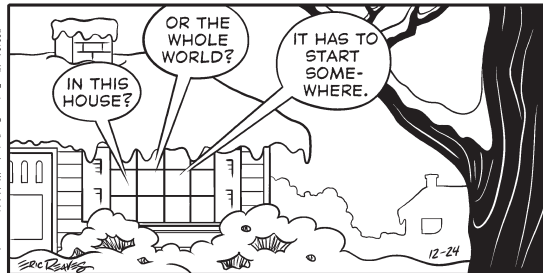
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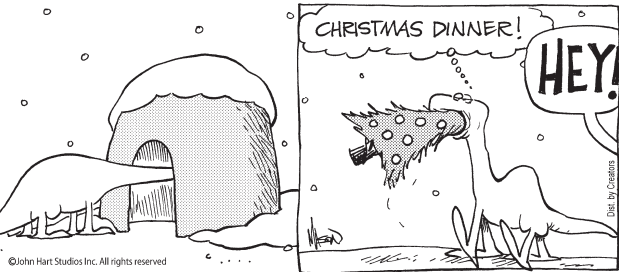
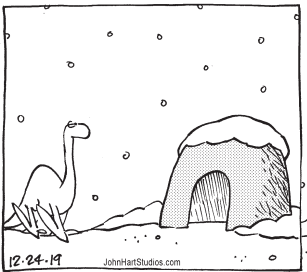
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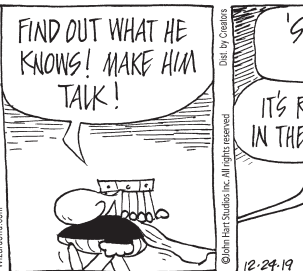
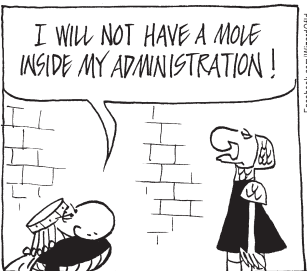
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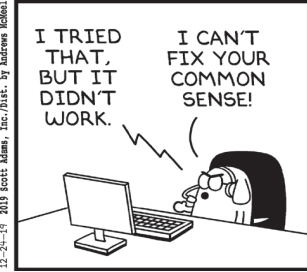
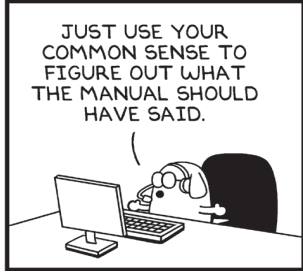
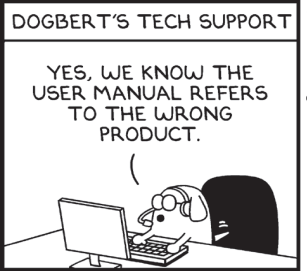
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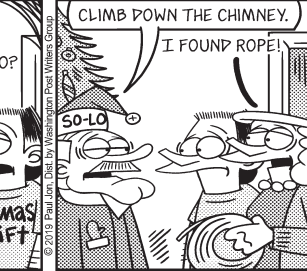
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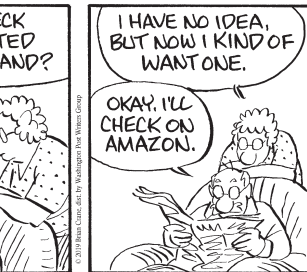
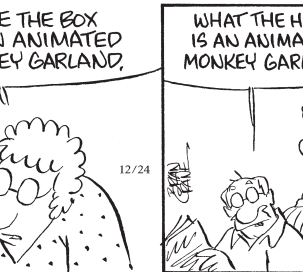
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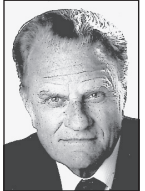
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I don't believe in Jesus as a real person, but I do love the Christmas season with the Babe in the manger, the lights that represent hope, and the carols that speak of peace. Is it okay to celebrate a myth? – C.F.

A: Christmas is a time filled with anticipation and preparation. Cards are sent and received, and the thrill of wrapping and unwrapping gifts makes for a joyful time shared with loved ones. Even today, people who don't necessarily believe personally in Jesus as the Savior of the world send cards with pictures of what artists think Jesus may have looked like. There are images of the Babe in the manger, shepherds, and animals.

Billy Graham

My Answer



CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"EG PJVTU'G SFGGVX EY CJM SVFU
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Previous Solution: "This is the precept by which I have lived: Prepare for the worst; expect the best; and take what comes." — Hannah Arendt
TODAY'S CLUE: M sɪmbo ɹ

Saudis sentence 5 people to death for Khashoggi's killing

BY ABDULLAH AL-SHIHRI
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RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A court in Saudi Arabia sentenced five people to death Monday for the killing of Washington Post columnist and royal family critic Jamal Khashoggi, whose grisly slaying in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul drew international condemnation and cast a cloud of suspicion over Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Three other people were found guilty by Riyadh's criminal court of covering up the crime and were sentenced to a combined 24 years in prison, according to a statement read by the Saudi attorney general's office on state TV.

In all, 11 people were put on trial in Saudi Arabia over the killing. The names of those found guilty were not disclosed by the government. Executions in the kingdom are carried out by beheading, sometimes in public. All the verdicts can be appealed.

A small number of diplomats, including from Turkey, as well as members of Khashoggi's family were allowed to attend the nine court sessions, though independent media were barred.

While the case in Saudi Arabia has largely concluded, questions linger outside Riyadh about the crown prince's culpability in the slaying.

"The decision is too unlawful to be acceptable," Khashoggi's fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, said in a text message to The Associated Press. "It is unacceptable."

Agnes Callamard, who investigated the killing for the United Nations, tweeted that the verdicts are a "mockery" and that the masterminds behind the crime "have barely been touched by the investigation and the trial." Amnesty International called the outcome "a whitewash which brings neither justice nor truth."

Khashoggi, who was a resident of the U.S., had walked into his country's consulate on Oct. 2, 2018, for a appointment to pick up documents that would allow him to marry his Turkish fiancée. He never walked out, and his body has not been found.

A team of 15 Saudi agents had flown to Turkey to meet Khashoggi inside the consulate. They included a forensic doctor, intelligence and security officers and individuals who worked for the crown prince's office, according to Callamard's

independent investigation. Turkish officials allege Khashoggi was killed and then dismembered with a bone saw.

The slaying stunned Saudi Arabia's Western allies and immediately raised questions about how the high-level operation could have been carried out without the knowledge of Prince Mohammed — even as the kingdom insists the crown prince had nothing to do with the killing.

In an interview in September with CBS' "60 Minutes", Prince Mohammed said: "I take full responsibility as a leader in Saudi Arabia." But he reiterated that he had no knowledge of the operation, saying he could not keep such close track of the country's millions of employees.

The prince's father, King Salman, ordered a shake-up of top security posts after the killing.

Turkey, a rival of Saudi Arabia, has used the killing on its soil to pressure the kingdom. Turkey, which had demanded the suspects be tried there, apparently had the Saudi Consulate bugged and has shared audio of the killing with the C.I.A., among others.

Saudi Arabia initially offered shifting accounts about Khashoggi's disappearance. As international pressure mounted because of the Turkish leaks, the kingdom eventually settled on the explanation that he was killed by rogue officials in a brawl. The trial concluded the killing was not premeditated, according to Shaalan al-Shaalan, a spokesperson from the Saudi attorney general's office.

The 101-page report released this year by Callamard, the U.N. special rapporteur for extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions, included details from the audio Turkish authorities shared with her. She reported hearing Saudi agents waiting for Khashoggi to arrive and one of them asking how they would carry out the body.

Not to worry, the doctor said. "Joints will be separated. It is not a problem," he said in the audio. "If we take plastic bags and cut it into pieces, it will be finished. We will wrap each of them."

Khashoggi had spent the last year of his life in exile in the U.S. writing in the Post about human rights violations in Saudi Arabia. At a time when Prince Mohammed's social reforms were being widely hailed in the West, Khashoggi's columns

criticized the parallel crack-down on dissent the prince was overseeing. Numerous critics of the Saudi crown prince are in prison and face trial on national security charges.

In Washington, Congress has said it believes Prince Mohammed is "responsible for the murder." President Donald Trump has condemned the killing but has stood by the 34-year-old crown prince and defended U.S.-Saudi ties. Washington has sanctioned 17 Saudis suspected of being involved.

Among those sanctioned is Saud al-Qahtani, a hawkish former adviser to the crown prince. The Saudi attorney general's office said Monday that al-Qahtani was investigated and had no proven involvement in the killing.

Meanwhile, Ahmed al-Asiri, also a former adviser to the crown prince who was deputy head of intelligence, was tried and released because of insufficient evidence, the attorney general's office said.

The court also ordered the release of Saudi Arabia's consul-general in Istanbul at the time, Mohammed al-Otaibi. He is among those sanctioned by the U.S. over his "involvement in gross violations of human rights." The U.S. State Department has also issued travel bans against his immediate family.

One of Khashoggi's sons, Salah, who lives in Saudi Arabia, tweeted after the verdicts that the Saudi judicial system "was fair to us and achieved justice."

In Turkey, Yasin Aktay, a member of Turkey's ruling party and a friend of Khashoggi's, criticized the verdict, saying the Saudi court had failed to bring the real perpetrators to justice.

"The prosecutor sentenced five hit men to death but did not touch those who were behind the five," Aktay said.

Although Khashoggi's killing tarnished Prince Mohammed's reputation in the West, he is hugely popular at home, especially among young Saudis happy with the social changes he has ushered in. Some American executives who had stayed away because of the backlash over the slaying have resumed doing business with the kingdom.

Saudi Arabia over the past months has opened the previously closed-off country to tourists and travelers from around the world as part of a push to boost the economy and change perceptions of the kingdom.

U.S. soldier is killed in Afghanistan; Taliban claim attack

BY RAHIM FAIEZ
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KABUL, Afghanistan — An American service member was killed in combat Monday in Afghanistan, the U.S. military said, without providing further details, while the Taliban claimed they were behind a roadside bombing in northern Kunduz province that killed the U.S. soldier.

The latest fatality brings the number of U.S. deaths in Afghanistan this year to 20. There have also been three non-combat deaths in 2019. More than 2,400 Americans have died in the nearly 18-year conflict.

The Taliban now control or hold sway over practically half of Afghanistan but continue to stage near-daily attacks targeting Afghan and U.S. forces, as well as government officials — even as they hold peace talks with a U.S. envoy tasked with negotiating an end to what has become America's longest war. Scores of Afghan civilians are also killed in the crossfire or by roadside bombs planted by militants.

Monday's U.S. military statement did not identify the U.S. soldier or say where in Afghanistan the service member was killed. It said that in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense policy, names of service member killed in action are being withheld for 24 hours, until the notification of the family is completed.

Last month, two U.S. service members were killed in Afghanistan when their

helicopter crashed in eastern Logar province. The Taliban also claimed responsibility for that crash, saying they had downed the helicopter, causing many fatalities. The U.S. military dismissed the Taliban claim as false.

Shortly after the U.S. military statement on Monday, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid tweeted that the U.S. soldier was killed in the Chardara district in northern Kunduz province where U.S. and Afghan forces were carrying out a joint raid. Mujahid said the insurgents had planted roadside bomb that killed the service member. He even tweeted a purported photo ID of the slain U.S. soldier, without saying how it was obtained.

The U.S. military would not immediately comment on the tweet or the Taliban claim.

The Taliban have a strong presence in Kunduz province and are completely in control of several of the province's districts. The provincial capital, the city of Kunduz, briefly fell to the Taliban in 2015, before the insurgents withdrew in the face of a NATO-backed Afghan offensive. The city is a strategic crossroads with easy access to much of northern Afghanistan as well as the country's capital, Kabul, about 200 miles away.

The following year, 2016, the Taliban pushed back into the city center, briefly raising their flag before gradually being driven out again. In August this year they launched an

other attempt to overrun the city but were repelled.

Washington's peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad has been trying to hammer out a peace agreement with the Taliban for over a year. The U.S. wants the deal to include a promise from the Taliban that Afghanistan would not used as a base by any terrorist group.

Earlier this month, Khalilzad met with Taliban representatives in Qatar, where the insurgents maintain a political office, as the talks between the two sides resumed after a three-month halt by President Donald Trump following a particularly deadly wave of Taliban attacks, including a Kabul suicide bombing that killed an American soldier.

The Qatar meeting focused on getting a Taliban promise to reduce violence, with a permanent cease-fire being the eventual goal.

Khalilzad is trying to lay the groundwork for negotiations between Afghans on both sides of the protracted conflict but the Taliban refuse to talk directly with the Kabul government.

Meanwhile, a bomb went off on Monday morning at the funeral of a village elder in eastern Laghman province, killing at least three civilians and wounding seven, according to Asadullah Dawlatzai, the provincial governor's spokesman. He said the explosion took place in the district of Dawlat Shah.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack but the spokesman blamed the Taliban.

Buzz over Venezuela's Guaido fades as Maduro holds firm

BY SCOTT SMITH
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CARACAS, Venezuela — Tour operator Alejandro Palacios joined hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans protesting in the streets early this year, wanting to believe that things would finally change in the country as upstart opposition leader Juan Guaidó rallied international support and promised a swift end to President Nicolás Maduro's rule.

To Palacios, Guaidó seemed different from the string of past opposition leaders who had challenged Maduro and his predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez, over 20 years of increasingly authoritarian socialist rule.

The United States and dozens of nations had thrown their support behind the youthful congressional leader, recognizing him as the country's legitimate president, arguing that Maduro's re-election was invalidated by fraud and a ban on most opponents.

And there seemed to be signs that the military might heed Guaidó's repeated calls for soldiers to abandon Maduro. A few joined him in the streets in a quickly quelled uprising. The U.S. and other nations sent caravans of aid to Venezuela's borders to be distributed by Guaidó's backers, and they were put in charge of many Venezuelan embassies and assets abroad.

Then February turned to March, and the months marched by. No international aid made it through Maduro's blockade. The military stayed loyal. Even the nation's catastrophic economy began to improve slightly. Maduro remains in power.

"Here we are today, like nothing ever happened," said a disillusioned Palacios, 26, who has watched many relatives pack up and leave in desperation while he stayed behind to care for his parents living on a government pension constantly shrinking under the world's

highest inflation.

Palacios no longer answers the opposition leader's call to protest, nor do most of the others who once filled the streets.

Cracks have even appeared in Guaidó's base of support in the National Assembly, the only major institution controlled by the opposition. His re-election as congressional president is no longer assured and legislators' official terms expire in a few months.

Throughout, the 36-year-old Guaidó has admitted no mistakes, and neither he nor his backers in Washington have offered a fresh strategy to rescue their floundering battle to unseat Maduro. The Trump administration has continued to pile economic and travel sanctions onto members of Maduro's inner circle, but so far with little effect.

"We're up against a dictatorship," Guaidó said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I think that is central."

Guaidó said he remains focused on winning over the military, the linchpin of support for Maduro, and he dismissed the idea of further negotiations with the socialist administration — talks his side says Maduro has used to defuse protests without making concessions.

He also said he favors boycotting legislative elections in 2020 as long as the electoral board running the vote remains packed with Maduro loyalists.

Still, Guaidó insists his domestic and international support will only grow.

Guaidó, the hand-picked successor to then-detained opposition leader Leopoldo López, leaped onto the stage last January at a dark moment in the once-wealthy nation's history. Despite sitting atop the world's largest proven oil reserves, gasoline shortages plague the nation, most homes don't have reliable drinking water or electricity and there are shortages of food, medicine and spare parts.

Roughly 4.5 million people have left the country, figures that rival mass migration from war-torn Syria.

Seizing on the nation's desperation, Guaidó drew masses into the streets 11 months ago when he claimed to be Venezuela's legitimate interim president after congress declared Maduro's re-election illegal.

The bold move overnight turned Guaidó into the nation's most-popular politician since Chavez burst onto the political scene in the early 1990s. More than 60 percent of Venezuelans viewed him favorably in February, according to Caracas-based polling firm Datanalisis, with many believing he would rid them of Maduro within three months.

"Guaido became the outsider that people were looking for to face Maduro," said Datanalisis' president Luis Vicente Leon. "A kind of hope formed around him."

Today that support has sunk by 20 percentage points, said Leon, a sign that Venezuelans are starting to think that removing Maduro from power may be impossible.

Maduro, whose approval ratings in the other polls have dipped closer to 10 percent, has proven more resilient than many expected.

Venezuela's oil production has inched up for the second consecutive month after crashing to a seven-decade low under U.S. sanctions, and shoppers are increasingly pulling U.S. dollars from their wallets — a sign the economy is bouncing back, or at least stabilizing, due in part to an easing of currency controls that the government had earlier resisted.

Maduro also appeals to many Venezuelans who still mistrust an opposition seen as corrupt and elitist and who honor the memory of Chavez, who died before the economic collapse hit home.

India's main opposition party stages protest against new law

BY SHEIKH SAALIQ
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NEW DELHI — India's main opposition party staged a silent protest in the capital on Monday against a contentious new citizenship law, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi defended the legislation and accused the opposition of pushing the country into a "fear psychosis."

About 2,000 people joined the protest at the Raj Ghat, a memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, where the Congress party demanded "protection for the constitution and the rights of people enshrined in it."

Tens of thousands of protesters have taken to India's streets to call for the revocation of the law, which critics say is the latest effort by Modi's government to marginalize the country's 200 million Muslims.

The law allows Hindus, Christians and other religious minorities who are in India illegally to become citizens if they can show they were persecuted because of their religion in

Muslim-majority Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan. It does not apply to Muslims.

Monday's protest was led by opposition Congress party chief Sonia Gandhi along with other senior leaders, including former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The leaders read out the preamble to the constitution at the protest site.

The party's former president, Rahul Gandhi, had urged young people in New Delhi to join the protest.

"It's not good enough just to feel Indian. At times like these it's critical to show that you're Indian & won't allow to be destroyed by hatred," Gandhi tweeted on Monday.

Other protests were held across the country on Monday, including in the southern cities of Bangalore and Kochi, where thousands came out on the streets against the law.

Twenty-three people have been killed nationwide since the citizenship law was passed in Parliament earlier this month in protests

that represent the first major roadblock for Modi's Hindu nationalist agenda since his party's landslide reelection earlier this year.

Most of the deaths have occurred in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, where 20 percent of the state's 200 million people are Muslim. The state government is controlled by Modi's governing Bharatiya Janata Party.

Police also seized some shops in the town of Muzaffarnagar in the state. The crackdown, which began Sunday, came after the state's chief minister, Yogi Adityanath, vowed Friday to "take revenge" against people who damaged public property during the protests by seizing their assets.

The Uttar Pradesh government's spokesman, Shalabh Mani Tripathi, said authorities were "working as per directives of the Supreme Court, which has asked that the damages to public property should be compensated by rioters."

He did not say how the owners of the shops were identified as offenders.

